

JAMES PRESCOTT

c.1643 – 1728 November 25

EMIGRANT OF ENGLAND, c.1665

FIRST OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PRESCOTTS IN AMERICA

A FOUNDER OF KINGSTON AND HAMPTON FALLS (PARISH), N.H.

A DOCUMENTARY HISTORY

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The Prescott Memorial :

OR A

GENEALOGICAL MEMOIR

OF THE

PRESCOTT FAMILIES

IN AMERICA.

IN TWO PARTS.

BY WILLIAM PRESCOTT, M. D.,

FELLOW OF THE MASSACHUSETTS MEDICAL SOCIETY ; MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION,
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ETC., ETC.

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PRESCOTT MEMORIAL, PART II.

FIRST GENERATION.

James Prescott, the record of whose descendants form the subject of the remaining portion of this Memorial, came from Dryby, in the county of Lincolnshire, England, in 1665, and settled in Hampton, N. H., which then, and for some time afterward, was comprised within the "Old County of Norfolk, Mass." Mr. Prescott commenced a farm (on which he resided until he removed to Kingston in 1725), in that part of Hampton which, since 1712, has constituted the town of Hampton Falls. This farm is situated some one and a half or two miles north of Hampton Falls Academy, on the highway to Exeter, of late years owned and occupied by the late Wells Healey, Esq., and is one of our finest and most desirable farms.

The precise time of Mr. Prescott's admission to the church is not known, but it must have been before he was admitted a *Freeman* in 1678, as none but members of the church were eligible to that important and earnestly sought privilege. He was transferred to the church at Hampton Falls soon after its incorporation as a town, in 1712. From thence he was transferred to the church at Kingston on the 29th of Sept., 1725.

In 1668 he married Mary, the daughter of Nathaniel and Grace Boulter,* born at Exeter, May 15, 1648.

James Prescott was a man of integrity and influence, possessing good sense, a sound and discriminating mind, one whose judgment was much sought for, and in whose opinion the people placed the most confident reliance.

The following scraps of history, relating to James Prescott, have been gleaned from various sources:

In 1692, James Prescott is mentioned as a creditor of His Majesty's Province.

* As Mary Boulter was the maternal ancestor of the New Hampshire branch of the Prescott families, and as the name became extinct in America upon the death of her brothers, Nathaniel and John (the end of the second generation), it cannot be deemed irrelevant to give, in this connection, a brief notice and record of the family. Nathaniel Boulter was born (probably in England) in 1625, as appears in an affidavit given by him and John Redman in Nov., 1685, and published in the first vol., pp. 46-7, of the New Hampshire Provincial Papers. It appears by said affidavit that he settled at Hampton as early as 1642 (forty-three years before) yet, by the said Provincial Papers, *Ibid.*, pp. 170, 179, he appears as an inhabitant of

In 1694, the town of Kingston was granted by Lieut. Governor Usher to James Prescott, Ebenezer Webster and others, who became extensive landholders and influential proprietors. In 1700, Dec. 19, James Prescott was moderator at the meeting of the proprietors of Kingston, at which meeting James Prescott and Ebenezer Webster were chosen a committee to run the line between Kingston and Hampton, in conjunction with a like committee from the latter town. At the same meeting it was voted to grant to James Prescott, Thomas Philbrick, and Jonathan Sanborn, each, two hundred acres of land in the westerly part of the town (Kingston). On the 18th of July, 1701, James Prescott was again chosen moderator of the proprietors' meeting, when the house, or near meadow, was granted to him. Beside the above, the proprietors of Kingston voted him tracts of land in 1705, 1710, 1715, 1719, 1720, and in 1721.

In 1708, the Commons of Hampton voted to give to James Prescott ten acres of land where his house then stood, John Sanborn dissenting. On the 10th of April, 1711, they voted him four acres of land for eight pounds of money, agreeably to the report of a committee, consisting of Josiah Chase, John Stanyan, John Sanborn, John Redman, Joseph Swett, and Samuel Dalton.

In 1709, James Prescott, Sen'r, Nathaniel and James, Jr., signed a petition for a new parish "at the *Falls*."

In 1710, James, Sen'r, Jonathan and Nathaniel Prescott, signed a petition for a new parish at Hampton Falls, which was set off and incorporated into a new town by the name of Hampton Falls, on the 20th of April, 1712.

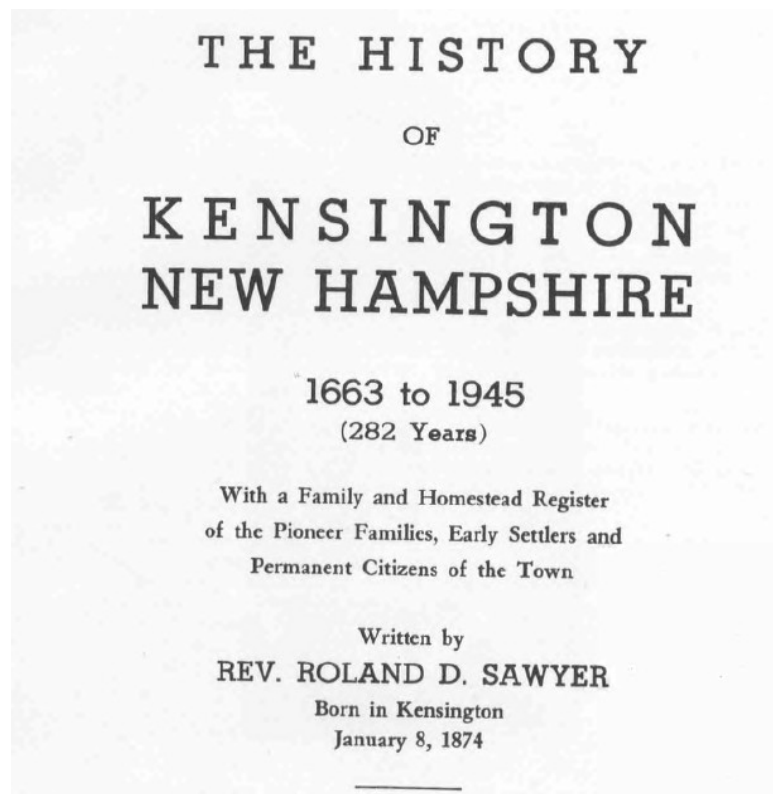
James Prescott removed from Hampton Falls to Kingston in 1725, where he died Nov. 25, 1728, a. about 85. The record of his death on the books in Kingston reads thus: "Nov. 25, 1728, James Prescott, an aged father, died." Mary, his widow, died at Kingston, Oct. 4, 1735, a. 87 yrs. 4 mos. and 20 days.

Exeter in 1645, his name being fixed to sundry petitions from that town to the Governor and General Court at Boston. In 1647 he married Grace —.

They had the following issue, (to wit:)

1. MARY, b. at Exeter, May 15, 1648: m. in 1668, James Prescott.

1667 - Among The Earliest References To James Prescott's Homestead (now known as Applecrest, Hampton Falls); He Purportedly Marries Following Year In 1668.



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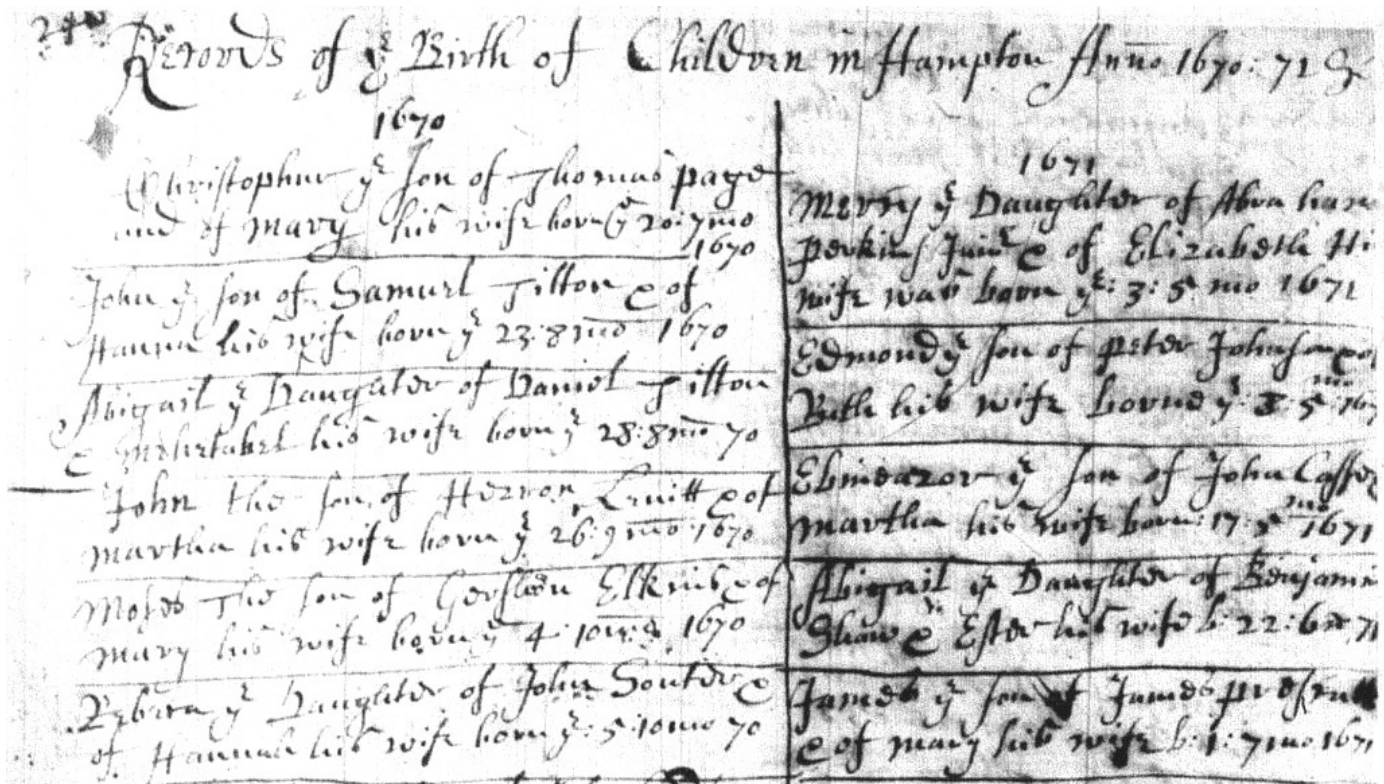
Jonathan Prescott, Nathaniel Prescott and Deacon John Prescott, and William Brown, were the earliest of the settlers who made permanent homes here. The Prescotts were sons of James, who built at "Apple Crest" in 1667.

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Indian Wars Delayed Settlement of Kensington
We have seen John Fuller here in 1670, and Mr. Cotton found ready sale for his farm in 1671, James Prescott a few years earlier built at Applecrest on Drinkwater Road, and but for the King Philip's War of 1675, the town would have been much earlier settled.

1671 July 1 James' Son James Jr. Birth-Entry In Hampton Town Records

(last one, HTR Vol.2 P.418), Hampton Town Hall Vault



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1671 Aug. 24 James Sued For "trespass, felling timber on his property" (oops)

Records and files of the Quarterly Courts of Essex County, Massachusetts

302	IPSWICH QUARTERLY COURT	[May
COURT HELD AT IPSWICH, MAY 5, 1674, BY ADJOURNMENT.		
Daniell Clarke was licensed to keep an ordinary for a year.		
Sarah Woolcot, presented for fornication, was ordered to be whipped or pay a fine.*		
<p>bery and himself about five years since in staves at Exeter; dated Feb. 22, 1671; signed by Nath. Saltonstall,† for the court; and served by Jno. Williams,† constable, by attachment of land near Tho. Eaton's at the west bridge.</p> <p>Writ: Thomas Davis v. Mr. Richard Dole and Tho. Davis, administrators of the estate of Joseph Davis of Haverhill; forfeiture of a bond; dated Oct. 11, 1671; signed by Nath. Saltonstall,† for the court; and served by John Williams,† constable.</p> <p>Writ: Edward Colcord v. James Prescott; trespass, for felling his timber and attempting to build a house upon his land on the westerly side of the mill brook; dated 24 : 8 : 1671; signed by Samll. Dalton,† for the court; and served by Robert Smith,† constable of Hampton, by attachment of timber, boards and slabs of defendant.</p>		

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1675 March 6 James' Son Jonathan Birth-Entry In Hampton Town Records

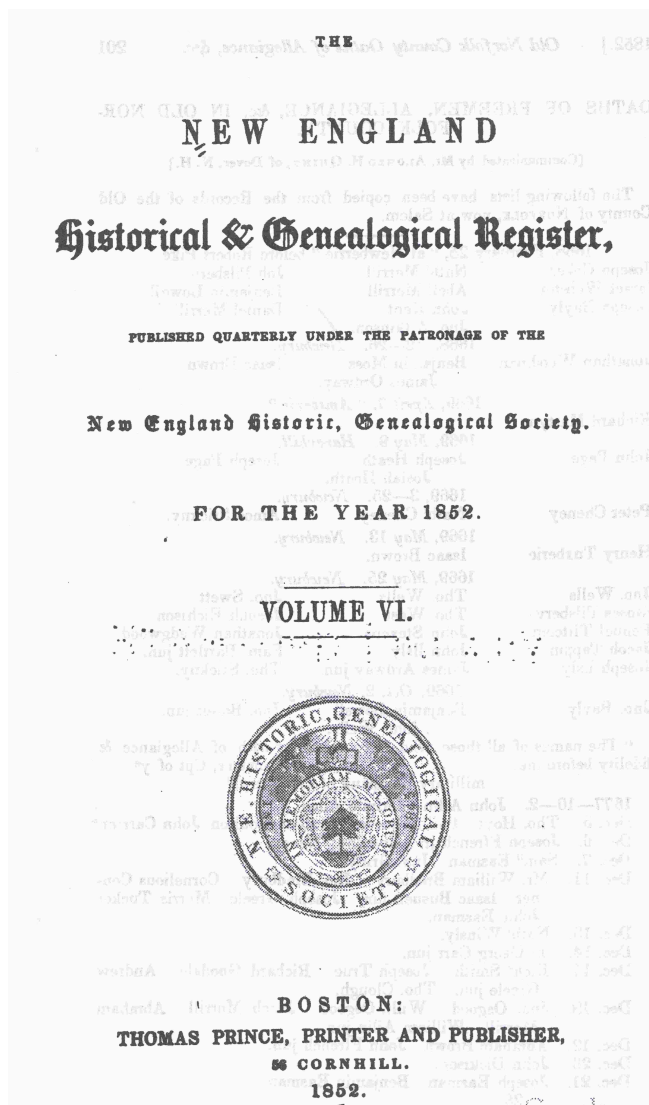
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Records of the birth of Children in Hampton Anno: 1673: 14

Abigail y Daughter of Samuel Dalton of mehetabel his wife was borne 21: 9: 1673	Hendry y son of Joseph Dew Mary his wife born 7: 9: mo 74
Abigail y Daughter of Abraham Gold Mary his wife was borne 5: 10: mo 73	Peter y son of Peter Johnson Ruth his wife born 7: 29: mo 74
Ruth y Daughter of Benjamin Shum Esther his wife born 6: 24: mo 73	His work after his father's death
Abigail y Daughter of Isaac Marston Elizabeth his wife was borne 4: 25: mo 72	Gustava y Daughter of Francis Elizabeth his wife born: 20: 10: 74
Elizabeth y Daughter of John Mason Elizabeth his wife born: 3: 3: mo 74	Elizabeth the Daughter of Francis Marston y of Elizabeth his wife was borne 6: 30: 2 mo 1674
James y son of James Hobbs Sarah his wife was borne 26: 3: mo 74	Jonathan the son of James and of Mary his wife born: 6: 21: mo 73
Elizabeth y Daughter of John Hartland 1674	Elizabeth y Daughter of Thomas

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1678 October 4 James Takes "Ye Oath Of Aleagance" To The King Of England



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(EXCERPTED)

1852.] *Old Norfolk County Oaths of Allegiance, &c.* 201

OATHS OF FREEMEN, ALLEGIANCE, &c. IN OLD NORFOLK COUNTY.

[Communicated by Mr. ALONZO H. QUINT, of Dover, N. H.]

The following lists have been copied from the Records of the Old County of NORFOLK, now at Salem.

"Hampton. A list of y^e names of those p^{ers}ons y^t took y^e oath of Aleagance y^e 4th of y^e 10th m^o 1648 (error for 1678) & some after 16. 10th m^o, 1678."

"Christopher Hussey	Joseph Pirkins	Richard Samborn
John Moulton jun.	Tobias Langly	William fifeild jun.
Dan ["] Lampry	Henry Dow	John Clifford jun.
Nath ["] Batcheller Sen.	John Garland	Benjamin Swett
Sam ["] filbrick	Anthony Stanian	John Redman jun.
John Dearborn	John Miriam	Isaac Godfrey
John Knowles	Jonathan Pirkins	Arratas Levitt
Daniel flogg	John Hobbs	Jacob Brown
William fuller S.	John fuller	Isaac Marston
Tho Roby	Thomas Levitt	John Mason
Joseph Sanborn	Jonathan Wedgwood	John Levitt
John Marston	Nath. Huggins	Sam ["] Roby
William fuller jun.	Morris Hobbs jun.	Aron Slepser
Henry Deareborn	John Smith, <i>cooper</i> .	John Samborn sen.
Benjamin fifeild	William Swayne	Nehemiah Hobbs
Tho. Brown	John Souter	Nath ["] Batcheller
Morris Hobbs sen.	John Brown jun.	Abraham Cole
John Brown sen.	James Jonson	Nath ["] White
James filbrick	m ^r Seaborn Cotton	Mozes Cox
Nath ["] Weare	Tho. filbrick sen.	Timothie Hilliard
Abraham Drake sen.	Jno Samborn jun.	Thomas Webster
francis Page	Phillip Towle	William fifeild sen.
Israel Cleford	Henry Lampreys	Sam ["] Marston
John Moulton	Tho. Nudd	Robert Moulton
James Hobbs	Abraham Drake J.	Joseph Cass
Abraham Pirkins	Thomas Dudly	William Marston
Gersom Elkins	Benjamin Cram	John Godfrey
James Prescott	Thomas Page	Godfrey Dearborn
Joseph Dow	Thomas Philbrick	Joseph Smith
Benjamin Moulton	Joseph Palmer	Mark Baker
John Tuck	Mozes Swett	Samuel Palmer
Edward Gove	Caleb Pirkins	Henry Moulton
Sam ["] Dalton jun.	Henry Roby	Sam ["] Dow
Sam ["] Colcord	Robert Page	Joseph Swett
Jacob Green	Thomas Thurton	Peter Weare
Joseph Dow jun.	Josiah White	Nath ["] Boulter jun :
John Tayler	Alexander <i>Denha</i>	Sam ["] flogg
Ebenezer Pirkins	Robert Smith	Thomas Cram
Jno. Knowles jun.	Chris. Palmer	Anthony Tayler
William Samborn j.	Joseph Moulton	Joseph Mead
Sam ["] Cass	Thomas Row	Henry Green
Jacob Garland	Benjamin Lamprey	Sam ["] Sherborn
Edward Colcord	Josiah Moulton	John Smith, <i>taylor</i>
John Redman sen.	Nath. Smith	
Nath ["] Boulter sen.	John Sleeper	

All then took y^e oath of Alleagance before mee, Sam["] Dalton, Com-
issr.

Those y^t refused.

Tho. Chase	John Hussey	Ffrancis Jennis
Abraham Green	John Stanian	James Chase."

At a Towne meeting the 21st of marche 1680

1 John Clifford Senr Gory will marston & Henry moulton and Christo
Bunney Senr for the High wayes & Bridges: and have power to Call y^e
towne together to mende the high wayes: and to take the 2nd penny
of the 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th 13th 14th 15th 16th 17th 18th 19th 20th 21st 22nd 23rd 24th 25th 26th 27th 28th 29th 30th 31st of a year
and two fillings & five pence of every ptimber munit both munit
to come in and work by one warning fynde

2 Gory Joseph Bow and Edward Goud and Christo and Appointed a
Committee in the Towne to enquire and heare by the state
of the Case to Afford one right to our lands in this Towne &
propert the same to the Council all their next meeting

3 Leut John Samborn and Gory Thomas Phillbrick and appointed
to report the petition now drawn by to the pson that and
not at this meeting for their subscriptions that the same may
be reported to the Council all their next meeting

4 One Acre of land is Given to Joseph Samborn to be layd out as Comen
only as may be by Daniel Tilters land & so as may best pjudice
Common

5 Twenty Acres of land is Granted to James prescott as near to J^{rs} Clifford
land as may be with Comendancy the 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th 13th 14th 15th 16th 17th 18th 19th 20th 21st 22nd 23rd 24th 25th 26th 27th 28th 29th 30th 31st of a year
will fuller Joseph Bow Henry Bow the Mudd
the 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th 13th 14th 15th 16th 17th 18th 19th 20th 21st 22nd 23rd 24th 25th 26th 27th 28th 29th 30th 31st of a year

6 Leut John Samborn and John Gory and appointed as measurers
of land or lott layers for this grant of the Towne on y^e north side
of Taylors Riuer

Thomas Phillbrick and Edward Goud are appointed Land Measurers
or lott layers on that part of the Towne which lyeth on y^e
South side of Taylors Riuer

21st of marche 1680 the following Granted to James prescott twenty
acres of land near J^{rs} Clifford. According to the Grant the twenty
fourth of the instant month it was Granted by Thomas Phillbrick
and Edward Goud by order of the Towne and layd the twenty acres
out to prescott, and bounded it by forder trees lying forty Rod wide
near J^{rs} Clifford land but not Joynings and there for and
sixteen Rod long on that side which lyeth westerly, lying four for
and forder Rod long on the Easterly side, and forty Rod wide all the
Southern most end, that this our Returne witness our hands

Thomas Phillbrick
Edward Goud

UPDATE ON ENGLISH RESEARCH

Adell T. Prescott

The Financial Update:

Balance Previous Report	\$ 569.12
Receipts Since Last Report	.00
Disbursements Since Last Report	.00
Balance	\$ 569.12

The General Update. A research trip without adequate preparation is a trip wasted; therefore, the planned trip to the Family History Library Center was postponed until the necessary preparation currently in progress can be completed. Preparations include updating our English records inventory and planning research strategies. Shared below are some interesting Prescott and/or related family items noted during preparation for the upcoming trip.

Accused of Witchcraft. Reference has been made in *Prescotts Unlimited* on several occasions to Capt. Edward Prescott of Virginia and Maryland having been charged in 1658 in the Maryland courts by George Washington's ancestor, John Washington, of having hung a witch on his ship on one of his voyages to America. Although the suit was thrown out of court because Edward, though owner of the vessel and on board at the time, was not the master of the voyage, so pervasive was the belief in witchcraft that no one questioned the statement that everyone knew that the ghost of the Prince of Denmark had entered the ship while it was in port in Copenhagen.

Joseph Dow in his history of Hampton, New Hampshire, states: "This belief (in witchcraft) was not confined to the unlettered and ignorant; but it pervaded all ranks and all conditions of society from the lowest upward to the highest. The people of New England, too, possessing as they did, in an eminent degree, some of the noblest traits of character, were still strongly tinged with credulity; not more so, indeed - probably far less so - than the people of the mother country... The fact that an individual in that age was accused of witchcraft, is not, of itself, conclusive evidence of his being a person of immoral character... In some instances, this charge was made against people of the highest respectability... The good people of Hampton were not exempt from the credulity of the times. They were, in general,

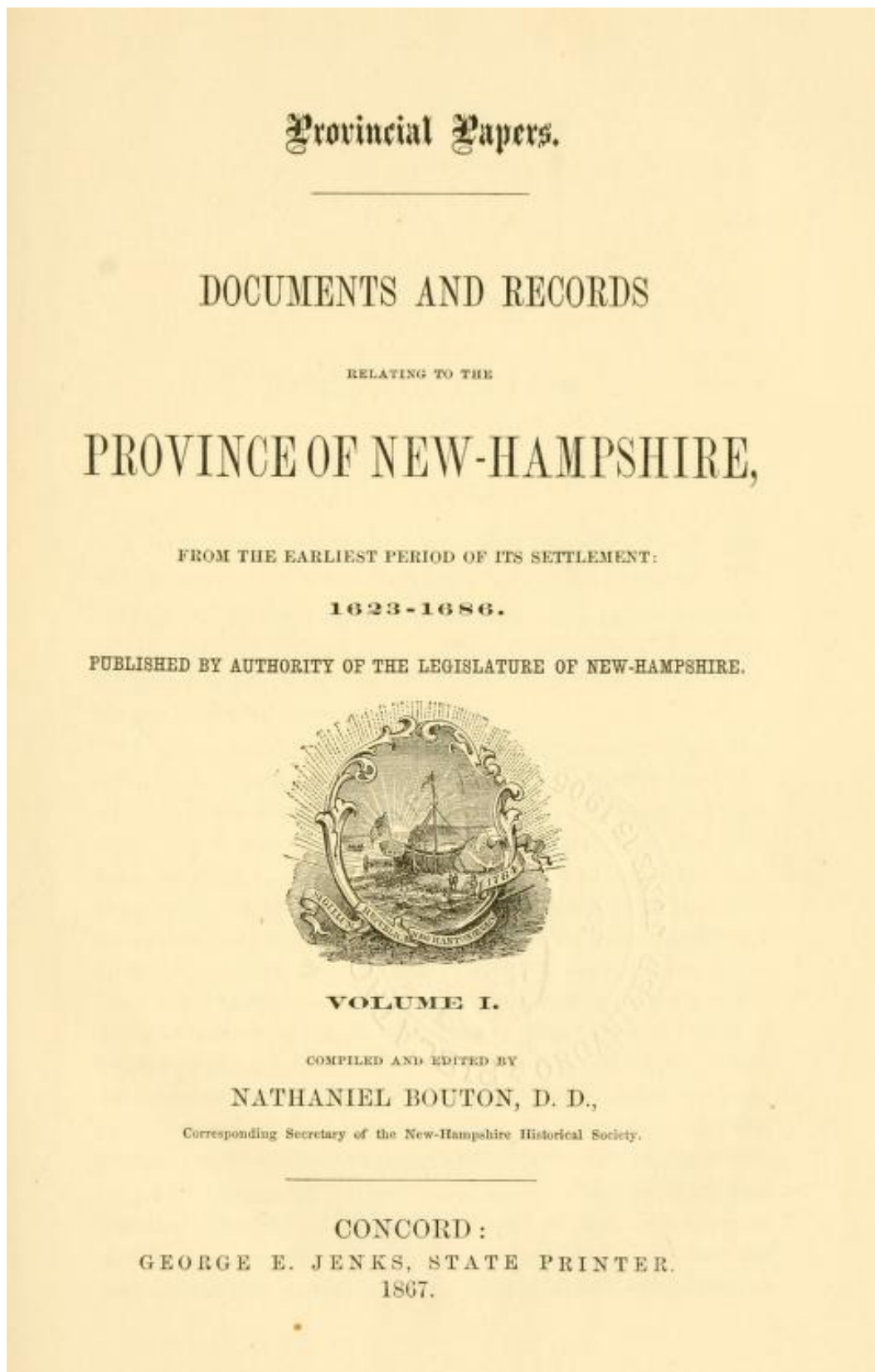
unfaltering in their belief in the existence of witchcraft, both in the abstract, and as found among themselves."

Dow goes on to say: "It is a dark page in the history of the town, but it is the business of the historian to relate events as they occurred and not to suppress important facts through fear of marring the otherwise fair character of the people, whose history he undertakes to write." The people truly believed that there "was an invisible hand at work" among them.

The person in Hampton who suffered the most because of the credulity of the people was Eunice Cole, commonly called "Goody" (short for Goodwife) Cole, wife of William Cole. In the year 1656, she was arraigned before the County Court of Norfolk, Massachusetts (Hampton was then a part of Norfolk County). Several of the town's leading citizens testified as to the terrible acts she had committed through witchcraft - one even testified that Goody Cole had changed the Marstons' child into an ape. Goody Cole was found guilty and sentenced to not only whipping but, also, imprisonment during her natural life. She was released in 1671 only to be charged again in 1672 as appearing as a dog, an eagle, and a cat; she was incarcerated again in Boston until a jury found her not guilty in 1673. She returned to Hampton; however, she did not live happily ever after.

In July 1680, an inquest was held in the death of a child, and "with twelve solid men of Hampton as jurors," the verdict rendered was: "We find grounds of suspicion that the said child was murdered by witchcraft." Charged in the case was Goody Fuller (Goodwife Rachel Fuller). One witness testified that Goody Fuller had told her that there were eight women and two men in the town who were witches and wizards. Although she did not name the men, she named the women reckoned by Goody Fuller as witches. Leading the list was Eunice Cole (Goody Cole). The list continued with Benjamin Evans' wife and two daughters, Grace (Swaine) Boulter, Mary (Boulter) Prescott, Isabella (Austin) Towle, and "one that is now dead."

Neither Dow's history nor this article is an indictment of the women listed above but rather an indictment of a culture and a time. The history of a



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Witchcraft.

[Prov. Court Papers, vol. 1, pp. 133-141.]

We, whose names are underwritten, being called by authority to view a dead child of John Godfre's, being about a year old upon the 13th of July, 1680, which was suspected to be murdered, we find grounds of suspicion that the said child was murdered by witchcraft: first, in part by what we saw by the dead corpse; second, something we perceived by the party suspected, which was then present, and was examined by authority; and, third, by what was said by the witness.

The names of the jury of inquest:

Tho. Marston,
 Willyam Marston,
 Foreman, Hen. Roby,
 Abraham Drake,
 Abraham Perkins,
 Anthony Taylor,
 John Smith,
 Tho. Levet,
 Aratus Levet,
 Gershom Elkins,
 Hen. Derbond,
 John Sanborne.

This true list was given in upon oath the 13th of July, 1680,
 before me,

SAMUEL DALTON, of the Council.

John Fuller owns himself to stand bound in the sum of one hundred pounds unto the Treasurer of the Province of New-Hampshire, that Rachel, his wife, shall appear before the authority of this Province of New-Hampshire, to answer to what shall be charged against her in point of witchcraft, and that she shall abide the order of the court, and not depart without license, and shall appear whenever she is called.

Owened before me, 14th July, 1680.

CHRISTOPHER LUX,
 SAMUEL DALTON, of the Council

The deposition of Elizabeth Denham and Mary Godfre, who saith that we, being in discourse with Rachel Fuller, she told us how those that were witches did so go abroad a night, they
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did lay their husbands and children asleep, and she said Rachel Fuller told us of several persons that she reckoned for witches and wizzards in this town, to the number of 7 or 8. She said eight women and two men, some of whom she expressed by name, as Eunice Cole, Benjamin Evans' wife and her daughters, Goodwife Coulter and her daughter Prescott, and Goodwife Towle, and one that is now dead.

Sworn the 14th July, 1680, before me,

SAM'L DALTON, of the Council.

History of Hampton, Dow p.85 , excerpted

hat, and sat down and made ugly faces and nestled about and would have looked on the child, but not being allowed to do so, went out as she had come in, after having looked under the door where the bays lay; and she had not been in the house since.

John Godfrey, Nathaniel Smith and Hezron Leavitt made depositions, equally damaging.

Elizabeth Denham (wife of Alexander), deposed that Rachel Fuller told her "Witches did so go abroad at night, they did lay their husbands and children asleep;" and she said there were eight women and two men in the town, who were witches and wizards.

The men's names were not given, but the women Goody Fuller reckoned as witches were: Eunice Cole, Benjamin Evans' wife and two (?) daughters, Grace (Swaine) Boulter, Mary (Boulter) Prescott, Isabella (Austin) Towle, "and one that is now dead." Goody Towle was, in fact, arraigned about the same time, on a different charge, and both she and Rachel Fuller were committed to prison till the sitting of the Hampton Court, September 7. Then, "The Court having heard y^e case of Rachel fuller and Isabel Towle being apprehended and committed upon suspicion of witchcraft doe ord^r y^t they still continue in prisson till bond be given for their good behaviour of £100 a piece during the Courts pleasure."

John Fuller became bondsman for his wife; and Isaac Marston and John Redman, for Goody Towle. They were discharged at the Dover Court the next year.

KINGSTON.

James Prescott, Sen^r., Ebenezer Webster and others, inhabitants of Hampton, petitioned the governor and council for a grant of a township, to be formed principally from the unimproved land in the western part of this town.

The town having been notified, chose as their agent, Capt. Henry Dow, to go to New Castle the next day, May 18, 1694, to appear before the governor and council, "to manifest the town's earnest desire that no township might be granted to any persons," any portion of which should "come within seven miles of Hampton Meeting-house westward, upon a straight line." This "desire" was a reasonable one, for originally the township extended several miles farther west than this, and though no settlements had hitherto been made there, yet several thousand acres of the land had been laid out and assigned by lot to the proprietors of the common lands. Indeed, a considerable portion of the New Plantation lay more than seven miles west of the Meeting-house. The proposition of the town, indeed, appeared so reasonable, that it was assented to at the time by James Prescott, Sen^r, in behalf of the petitioners.

The prayer of the petitioners was granted, and on the 6th of August, 1694, the new town was incorporated, by the name of Kingstown, the grant including the present towns of Kingston, East Kingston, Danville (formerly Hawke), and Sandown. Hampton having laid out and disposed of a part of this territory, difficulties afterwards arose, and the town was involved in lawsuits, which will be more particularly noticed in another place.

<http://www.hampton.lib.nh.us/hampton/history/dow/downtoc.htm>

1694 May 9 Petition For New Town (Kingston); NH Orders May 15 Meeting

(NHSP v.3 pp.15-19; excerpted)

Wednesday, May 9th, 1694.

Present,

The L^t. Govern^r,

Nath. Fryer,	} Esqs.	Hen. Green,	} Esqs.
Robt. Elliott,		W ^m Vaughan,	
Peter Coffin,		Rich ^d Waldron,	

The L^t Govern^r proposed to this Board whether it was not necessary for a fortification to be built in the Fort for security of the soldiers, in case of an attack. Answered

Ordered that a Bill be sent to the Assembly for the same.

A petition from the town of Hampton was read, on file. Ordered, that in answer thereto notice be given from this Board that the selectmen of Hampton, with the p^rsons concerned, attend this Board or send meet persons on their behalfe to answer and give what objections may be, against w^t is proposed in s^d petition, on Tuesday, 15th inst.

**1694 May 15 "James Prestcot" Appears At New Hampshire Provincial Council
Which Says Yes To Petition; Town Ordered To Send Rep May 18**

Tuesday 15th May, 1694.

Present,

The L^t Govern^r,

Nath. Fryar,	{ Esqs.	Nath. Weare,	{ Esqs.
Robert Elliott,		W ^m Vaughan,	
Peter Coffin,		Rich ^d Waldron,	

The L^t Governor desired a return of Bills comited to be

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drawn up. The Committee pr'sented said Bills, and they was sent to the Lower House for their consideration.

Whereas the selectmen of Hampton were to attend this Board, they sent their answer, as on file. The Persons that petitioned from Hampton sent their desires by one James Prestcot, as on file.

Ordered, that a Township be granted by this Board unto the Petitioners of Hampton that have desired the same.

Ordered, that notice be given to the selectmen of Hampton that they give notice to their town to make choyce of persons to give their Relations where the bounds of a Township graunted by this Board to several persons of Hampton shall begin, and to make a return of the same to this Board on the 18th inst.

1694 May 17 James Personally "Consents" To New Kingston Lines (NHSP v.12 p.102)

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EARLY TOWN PAPERS.

[4-179] [*Vote relative to granting New Town, Kingston, 1694.*]

Att a legall meeting of the fireholders of y^e towne of Hampton May 17 1694

2^{ly} It was voted that Captⁿ Henry Dow should goe to New Castell: the 18th of this instant month in the behalf of the towne to the Honorable left^{nt} Governor and Councell in obedience to an order Received barring date the 15th instant to manifest the towns earnest desire that no township may be granted to any persons to come within Seaven miles of Hampton meeting House westward upon a streight Line

Voted James Prescott Senior appearing at the meeting in the behalf of said petitioners did consent to this voat above.

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As Attest

Henry Dow Clerk

At a legall meeting of the free Holdors of the Towne of Hampton
 may 17 1694
 1st Serjant Thomas philbrook was chosen moderator
 2^{ly} It was ~~was~~ noted that Captⁿ Henry Dow should goe
 to New Castle the 18th of this instant month ^{in the behalf of the Towne} To the Honorable
 Left^{nt} Governor & Council in obedience to an order received
 bearing date the 15th instant to manifest the Towns earnest desire
 that no Township may be granted to any persons to come within
 Swaen mills of Hampton meeting Hough Westward upon a straight
 Line James prescott senior appearing at the meeting: ^{noted}
 in the behalf of sayd petitioners did consent to this vote above

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1694 May 18 James Again Personally Appears ("humbly") Before Council To Agree To The New Town Lines

(NHSP v.3 p.20-22; excerpted)

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PROVINCE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

[1694.

Friday, May 18th, 1694.

Present,

The Lt. Govern^r,

Nath. Fryar,	} Esqs.	Nath ⁿ Weare,	} Esqs.
Robert Elliott,		Rich ^d Waldron,	
Peter Coffin,			

A Bill about highways was sent to the Lower House. Whereas there was an order for the selectmen of Town of Hampton to attend this Board on this inst., to give their relation where the bounds of a new Town, granted to sundry p'sons of said Hampton, should begin; Capt. Hen. Dow appeared in behalfe of the Selectmen and made a return, as on file.

James Prescott appeared in behalf of the petition^r and humbly leaves to the consideration of the L^t Govern^r and Council, where and how farr the Township shall be and run as to the bounds thereof.

Adjourned till May 23^d, 1694, at 2 o'clock.

Wednesday, 23^d, 1694.

Present, The L^t Governour,

Nath. Fryar,	} Esqs.	Peter Coffin,	} Esqs.
Robert Elliott,		Nath. Weare,	
Hen. Green,		W ^m Vaughan, & Rich. Waldron,	

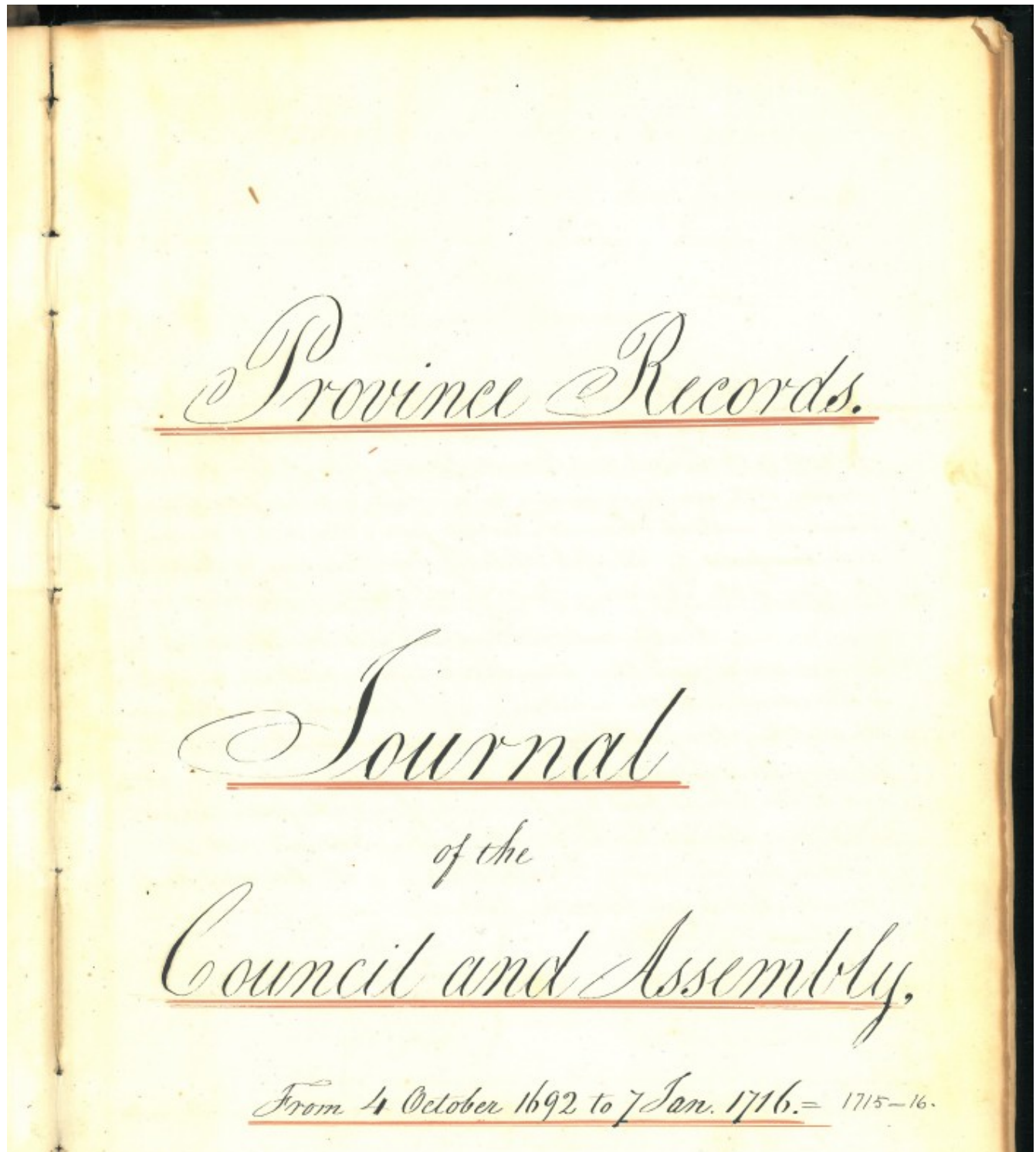
A petition from the men of Hampton was read in Council.

Ordered, in answer to the petition, that a Township be granted. The Lower House sent up their answer as to

.....AND JUST LIKE THAT, JAMES PRESCOTT IS A FOUNDER OF
THE TOWN OF KINGSTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE.

THE ORIGINAL PROCEEDINGS

From The New Hampshire State Archives (NHSArchives), Concord



clock.

Tuesday 15th May 1694.

Present The S^t. Governor

Nath. Fryer

Robert Elliott

Peter Coffin

} Esqrs

Nath^l Wearn

Wm. Vaughan

Rich^d Waldron

} Esqrs.

The S^t. Governor desired a return of Bills comited to be drawn up.

The Comitty presented sd. Bills and they was sent to the Lower House for their consideration.

Whereas the Selectmen of Hampton was to attend this board they sent their Answer as on file. The Persons that petitioned from Hampton sent their desires by one James Prestcot as on file.

Ordered that a Township be granted by this Board unto the Petioners of Hampton that have desired the same.

Ordered that notice be given to the Selectmen of Hampton that they give notice to their town to make choyse of Persons to give their Relations where the bounds of a Township granted by this Board unto the ~~Petioners of Hampton that have desired the same~~ to several Persons of Hampton shall begin and to make a return of the same to this Board on the 18th Inst.

A Bill for Regulation of Seamen was sent to the Lower House. The Comitty appointed to receive the claimes, being sent for gave is as on file. Adjourned till 16th Inst. 2 Clock.

Wednesday May 16th 1694

received May 10th 1694 Lark.

Friday May 18th 1694.

Present

The St. Govern^r.

Nath^l. Fryar

Rob^t. Elliott

Peter Coffin

} Esqrs.

Nath^l. Weare

Rich^d. Malden

} Esqrs.

A Bill about highways was sent to the Lower House. Whereas there was an order for the Selectmen of town of Hampton to attend this Board on this Inst. to give their relation where the bounds of a new Town granted to sundry persons of sd. Hampton should begin. Capt. Hen. Weare appeared in behalfe of the Selectmen & made a return as on file.

James Prescott appeared in behalf of the Petitioner and humbly leaves to the consideration of the St. Govern^r & Council where and how far the township shall be and run as to the bounds thereof.

Ordered that the Township of the Young Men of Hampton as to the affair thereof be layd aside - the board not agreeing.

Ordered that the Treasurer attend this Board on tomorrow morning by ten of the clock to give an acc^t of what money he has of the Provinces in his hands. Adjourn unt^{il} May 19th ten of y^e clock.

Saturday May 19: 1694.

Wednesday 23rd 1694

Present

The St. Governour.

Nath^l. Fryar

Rob^t. Elliott

Hen^{ry}. Green

} Esqrs.

Peter Coffin

Nath^l. Weare

Wm. Vaughan &

Rich^d. Malden

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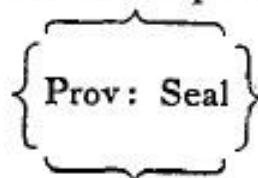
[KINGSTOWN CHARTER, 1694.]

- *1-16 *Kingstown } WILLIAM & MARY By the Grace of God
 Charter } of England Scotland France & Ireland King
 & Queen Defender of the faith &c^a To all People
 { P-S } to whom these Presents Shall come Greeting KNOW
 YE That We of our Special Grace Certain knowl-
 edge & mere motion for the Due Encouragement of
 Settling a New Plantation by & with the Advise & Consent of our
 Council Have given & granted & by these Presents as far as in us
 lyes do give & Grant unto our beloved Subjects James Prescott
 Sen^r Isaac Godfrey Thomas Philbrook Jun^r Gersham Elkins Samuel
 Collcot Thomas Webster Samuel Derbon William Godfrey
 Jacob Garland John Mason Ebenezer Webster Nath^l Sandburn
 Benj^a Sandburn John Moulton Daniel Moulton and frances Toale
 & Several others of their Majestys Loveing Subjects that Inhabit
 or Shall Inhabit within the Said Grant within our Prov-
 ince of New *Hampshire all that Tract of Land to begin
 Seven Miles Westward of the meeting House now Stand-
 ing in Hampton from thence to run A Due Course West & B:
 North Ten Miles into the Country for its Breadth four miles No-
 therly from the head Point of the West Line from the S^d Meeting
 House & Southerly within three Miles of the Nothermost Side of
 Merrimack River and that the Same be A Town Corporate by
 the name of Kingstown to the Persons above named or other of
 their majestys Subjects that do & Shall Inhabit Forever And we
 do by these Presents give & Grant unto the s^d men & Inhabitants
 of our S^d Town of Kingstown and to Such Others that Shall here-
 after inhabit all & Every the Streets & Lanes & high ways within
 the s^d Town for the Publick use & Service of the men & Inhab-
 itants thereof & Travellers there together with full Power
 Lycence & Authority to the Said men & Inhabitants & Such as
 Shall Inhabit within the S^d Town FOREVER to Establish Appoint
 Order & Direct the Establishing makeing Laying out ordering
 Amending & Repairing of all Streets Lanes High ways ferry
 Places & bridges in & thro^t out the S^d Town necessary needfull &
 Convenient for the men & Inhabitants of the S^d Town and for all
 Travellers & Passengers there PROVIDED always that our s^d
 Lycence So as above granted for the Establishing makeing &
 Laying out of Such Lanes Highways Fences Places & Bridges
 be not Extended nor Construed to Extend to the takeing away of

Any Person or Persons Right or Property with out his her or their Consent or by Some Law of our s^d Province, To HAVE & TO HOLD & Enjoy all & singular the Premisses as afores^d to the S^d men & Inhabitants or those that Shall Inhabit the S^d Town of Kingstown and their Successors for ever rendring & paying therefor to us our heirs & Successors or to Such other officer or officers as Shall be Appointed to receive the Same yearly the annual Quit rent or Acknowledgm^t *of one Peppercorn *1-18 in the S^d Town on the five & Twentieth of October yearly forever & for the better order rule & Government of the S^d Town We Do by these Presents Grant for us our heirs & Successors unto the S^d men & Inhabitants or those that Shall Inhabit the s^d Town That Yearly & every year upon the first Tuesday in March for ever they the S^d men & Inhabitants and Such as Shall Inhabit the S^d Town Shall Ellect & Chuse by the Major part of them Two Sufficient & Able men householders of S^d Town to be Constables for the year Ensueing which s^d men So Chosen & Ellected Shall be Presented to the next Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be held for the s^d Province there to take the Accustomed Oaths Appointed by Law for the Execution of their offices under Such Penalties as the Law in our S^d Province Shall Direct upon refusal or neglect therein And we Do by these Presents Grant for us our heirs & Successors unto the s^d Persons & Inhabitants And Such as Shall Inhabit in S^d Town that Yearly & every year upon the first Tuesday In March forever they the s^d men & Inhabitants or the Maj^r Part of them Shall Ellect & Chuse three Inhabitants & Householders within our S^d Town to be overseers of the Poor & highways or Select men for our s^d Town for the year Ensueing with Such Powers Previledges & Authoritys as any overseers or Select men within our s^d Province HAVE & ENJOY or Ought to have & Enjoy In Testimony whereof we have Caused the Seal of our S^d Province to be hereunto affixed Wittness John^r Usher Esq our Lieutenant Governour & Coma'nder in Chieff of our S^d Province at our Town of New Castle the Sixth Day of August in the Sixth year of our reigne Annoq Domini 1694

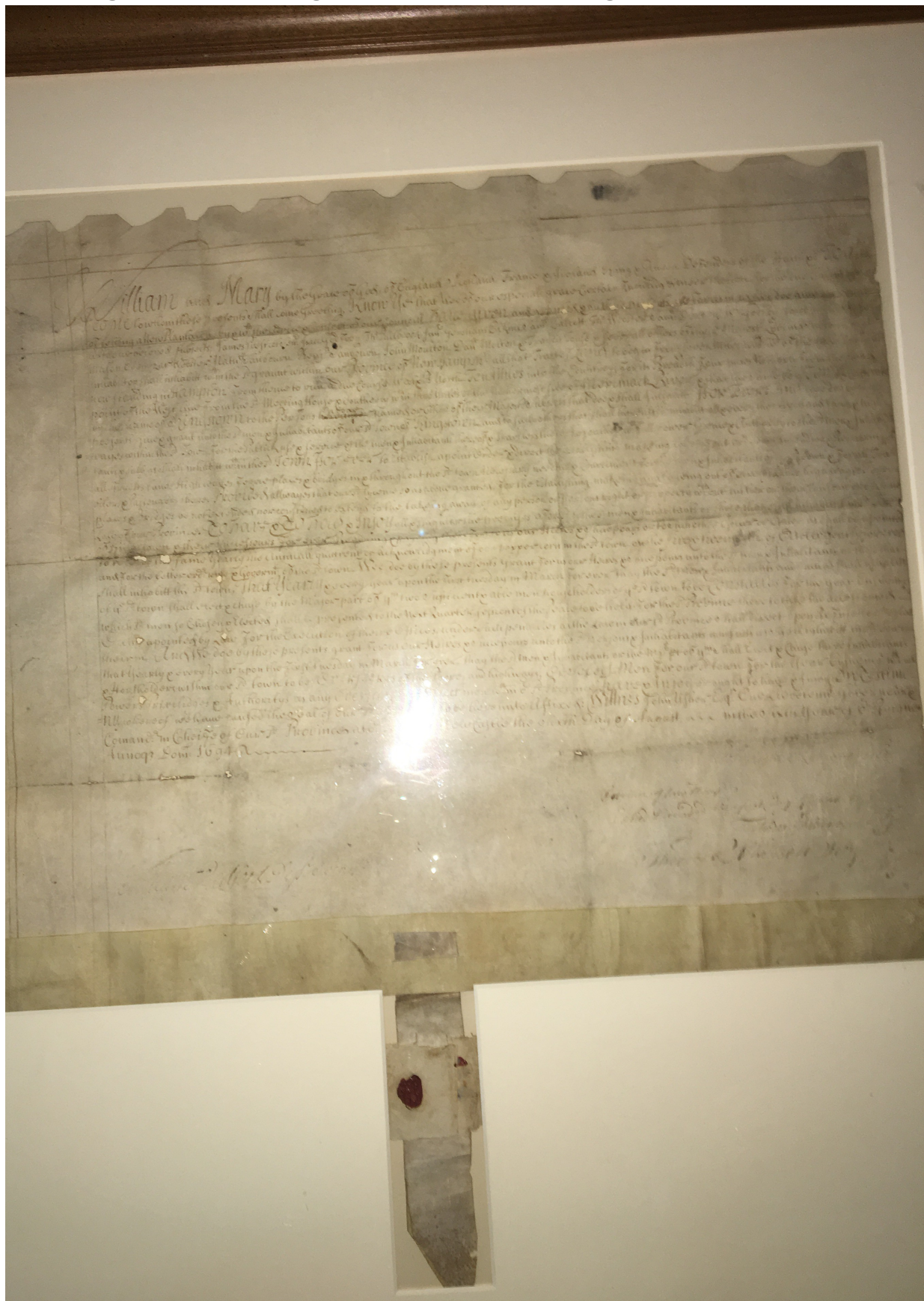
John Usher L^t Governour

William Redford Dep^t Sec^r

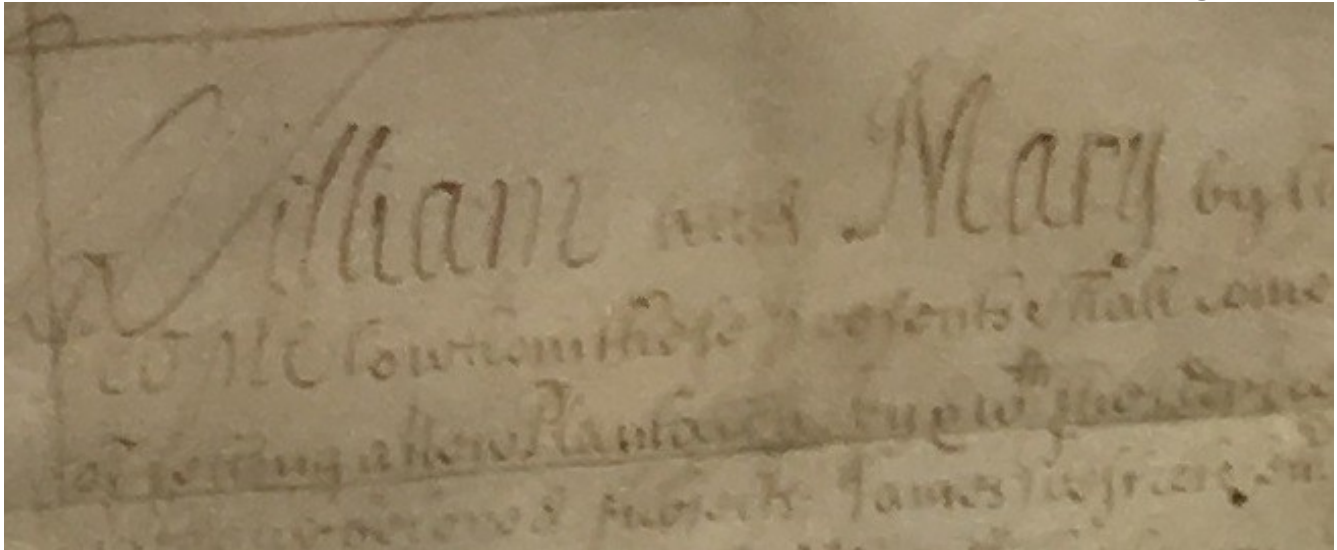


Province of New Hamp^r

1694 August 6 The Original Charter in the Kingston Town Vault



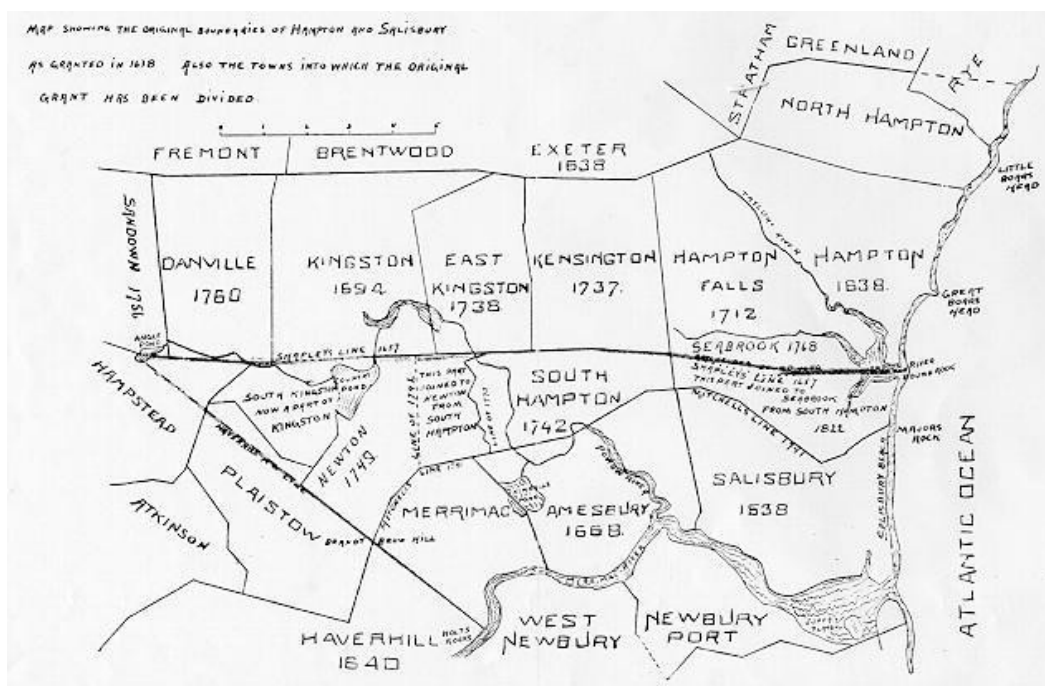
Closeup: That's "James Prescott, Sen." As Lead Name In The First Paragraph



(NHSP v25 P179-182)

KINGSTON.

[Granted as *King's-town* Aug. 6, 1694, to James Prescott and others, and was so called until about 1800 when the present spelling came into general use. East Kingston was set off and incorporated as Kingston East Parish Nov. 17, 1738. The boundaries with East Kingston were established Aug. 7, 1740, and June 16, 1798. Sandown was set off and incorporated April 6, 1756. Danville was set off and incorporated as Hawke Feb. 22, 1760. A small piece of Kingston territory was annexed to Plaistow, June 28, 1831.



(Map of Kingston after it was partitioned into surrounding towns; Hampton Library)

<http://www.hampton.lib.nh.us/hampton/images/maps/map10.jpg>

**The Kingston Historical Society Displays The Charter On Its 350th Anniversary;
There's A Prescott There.**



Kingston Today; a lovely original New England Town. James would be proud.

**Postscript: A Prescott Finds The Kingston Town Records Missing For 90 Years
(They had been presumed burned in a town clerk fire in 1928)**

From: "Lesley Hume" <lahume@comcast.net> |
To: <prescotd@juno.com>
Subject: RE: Kingston's 325th
Date: Sat, Sep 21, 2019 06:20 PM

Doug,

What timing! We just spent an afternoon with the old records this past Tuesday. We are trying to work out how to scan the bound volumes properly. The Town can retrieve the materials and do the scanning locally but we do not have a book scanner. We are looking into renting one or seeing if UNH will allow us to use their book scanner. The loose papers and volume with the broken spine are easier. We also found records of the layout of our roads which have been photocopied from various sources that we are interested in. We would never had known about the State Archive holdings if you hadn't told us about them.

We are enjoying the perfect fall weekend.

Hope all is well with you.

Lesley

1695 March 2 James Voted First Selectman Of Kingston

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LIBBY'S GENEALOGICAL DICTIONARY

395 Soldiers' Assignments of Pay to the Town. Aug. 24, 1676. — Bodge 370.

396 Tax List 8 May 1680.
— N. H. Hist. Coll. viii. 57, Prov. Papers i. 424 (Court Files v. 111).
Jon. wherever in this paper means John.
Alter Phillips to Phillip Towle.

397a Inquest, John Godfrey's child, July 13, 1680. — N. H. Hist. Coll. viii. 45.

397b Inquest, Nathl. Smith, 31 July 1680.
— N. H. Hist. Coll. viii. 49.
Alter Heat Lovet to Areat.

398 Aged Men's Petition, 2 Mar. 1683-4.
— N. H. Prov. Papers i. 457.
Alter John Drown to John Brown.
Alter Isaiah to Isaack Perkins.
Alter Anthony Tabor to Anthony Talor.

399a Military Service, 1694-1696.
Arrests for Rioting — throwing down fences in town bounds dispute. Warrant served by Aaron Moses on ten men, and bail taken: [N. H. Prov. Papers xii. 102-109.
John Redman for his son John Redman.
Jacob Wedgewood for John Levett.
Abraham Cole for David Wedgewood.
Isaac Marston for Caleb Marston.
Thomas Roby for James Perkins.
James Perkins for Thomas Roby.
John Lefet for Jacob Brown.
Jonathan Prescott for himself.
Samuel Telton "cled."
John Magoon held.

KINGSTON

400 The settlement of Kingston proceeded in an unusual degree on paper. If actually settled in the midst of the Second Indian War, it was twice abandoned; surely once, in 1703.

The charter, dated 6 Aug. 1694, was to:

*James Prescott Sen.	Jacob Garland
Isaac Godfree	John Mason
*Thomas Philbrick	*Ebenezer Webster
Junior	Nathaniel Sanborn
*Gersham Elkins	Benjamin Sanborn
*Samuel Colcord	John Moulton
*Thomas Webster	Daniel Moulton
Samuel Darbon	Francis Towle
William Godfree	

*Received grants 19 Dec. 1700.

Organization was effected 2 Mar. 1695, prob-

ably outside of Kingston, as follows:

Selectmen	Constables
James Prescott Sen.	[Samuel Dearborn]
Isaac Godfrey	John Mason
Gershom Elkins	Ebenezer Webster
Town Clerk	
Nathaniel Sanborn	

Frequent town meetings were held 1700-1703. Dec. 19, 1700, grants were voted to six of the patentees and six new names:

Aaron Sleeper	Jabez Colman —
Moses Elkins	Jonathan Sanborn
Ichabod Robey	Peter Johnson

Early in 1701 home lots and the near-by meadows were divided to eight men 'as the first settlers':

Ebenezer Webster	Aaron Sleeper
Moses Elkins	Thomas Webster
Jonathan Sanborn	Thomas Philbrick
Ichabod Robey	Jabez Colman —

[All crossed out on the town book]

But in the same summer these meadows were re-divided to include five others:

Samuel Colcord	?Joseph Fifield
James Prescott —	?Nathaniel French
Edward Fifield	?Gershom Elkins

A grant to 17 men, 17 Mar. 1701-2 included:

Jacob Gilman	Peter Johnson
Samuel Colcord Jun.	Jeremiah Philbrick
Gershom Elkins	Moses Sleeper
10 July 1702, 16 lots laid out included:	
Thomas Scribner	Philip Huntoon
Nathan Taylor	James Bean

A bond dated 30 Apr. 1705, binding the signers to re-settle the town 'about the first of September next' was signed by:

Cornelius Clough	Samuel Fellows
Caleb Clough	†John Webster
William Long	Joseph Clifford
†Henry Wadleigh	Francis Mason
Samuel Judkins	Joseph Young
Thomas Sleeper	Simon French
†Jonathan Colcord	Stephen Gilman
Tristram Sanborn	†Jeremiah Clough
†Included in a list of 35 men who by town vote 5 March 1714-5 had forfeited their rights.	
8 Apr. 1707 - 22 Oct. 1707, the following had deserted and were living in or near Exeter:	
Edward Fifield	Philip Huntoon
Samuel Calcott	Daniel Beane
Jonathan Calcott	Jabez Colman —
James Beane	

NB(400): The above Thomas Webster and Ebenezer Webster were the Great Great Grandfather, and Great Grandfather respectively of the illustrious Daniel Webster.

1696 DID JAMES' SON JOSHUA ...Have A Child Too "Soon After Marriage"?

DID JAMES' SON JONATHAN "Get Her With Child And She Not Yet Being Brought To Bed"?

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only Israel Cliffords wife and have also summonsed Richard Sanborn." The other warrant was for James Prescott of Hampton for the same charge. Although James, much to his credit, had not allowed his daughter-in-law to be arrested, he surrendered himself to arrest and was charged 12 shillings in costs. The final outcome of the case against Sarah (Clifford) Prescott for having a child "soon after marriage" was not disclosed in the records searched [File No. 17845, FHLC mff#978285]. The child "born soon after marriage" was Nathan Prescott, the first of at least 11 children born to Joshua and Sarah, who in spite of having a child "soon after marriage" were respected members of the newly formed Hampton Falls (1712) town and parish. They later moved to Kingston where Nathan was one of the organizing members of the church there, 29 Sep. 1725. The 1742 tax list for Kingston, NH, listed Joshua with 3 polls; his son Edward was listed separately. As well as being taxed on his house, land, and animals, Joshua was taxed for owning mills and was one of the more successful men of the town [New Hampshire 1742 Estate List, Pauline Johnson Oesterlin, pp. 166-175].

Descendants of Joshua and Sarah will be interested in a biographical sketch on the Clifford family of Hampton Falls which states that Israel Clifford married Ann Smith, 15 Mar. 1680. They had five children. Israel was a member of Hampton church and was dismissed to the Falls church, 9 Dec. 1711. The father of Israel Clifford was John Clifford (born in England), son of George Clifford who came to Boston in 1644. The sketch speculates that this was the same George Clifford family who lived in Arnold Village and parish in Nottingham, England. [History of Hampton Falls, N.H. 1640-1900, Warren Brown, Manchester, N.H. 1900, pp 231-232.]

The parentage of Ann Smith, who married Israel Clifford as indicated in the preceding paragraph, remains unclear. Dow's *History of Hampton* speculates that Ann Smith was the sister of Nathaniel Smith based on the fact that both were involved in the witchcraft trials:

Nathaniel as a witness against Goody [Rachel] Fuller and Ann as an alleged victim of Goody [Eunice] Cole's wiles. It was during the trial of Goody Fuller that Mary (Boulter) Prescott was first accused of being a witch [refer to "Accused of Witchcraft," Parts I and II previously published in *Prescotts Unlimited*, June 2001 and March 2002]. Although there were other Smith families present, these children or at least Nathaniel was reared by Deacon William Godfrey and his wife Margerie. Dow states: "The year that Goody Cole died, Ann Smith, probably the same Ann Smith,

married Israel Clifford." Dow, like Dr. William Prescott (author of *The Prescott Memorial*) did not pick up on the marriage of Sarah Clifford, daughter of Israel and Ann, to Joshua Prescott. Dow does include the birth date of Sarah as 10 May 1691 but speculates that she probably died young. [History of the Town of Hampton, New Hampshire, Vol. I and II, Joseph Dow, Salem, MA 1893, pp 80, 84-85, 638, 977-978].

Descendants of Jonathan, son of James and Mary, will be interested in another legal case recorded in the Hampton court of sessions, 2 June 1696. "Whereas Jonathan Prescott of Hampton was bound over to this session to answer the complaint of Mary Cramm for getting her with child and she not yet being brought to bed, the court takes the same bond until the next session and the principal security owned the same in court." Jonathan Prescott had signed bond as principal with James Prescott, Sr., as security on 18 Mar. 1695/6 [New Hampshire Court Records, Vol. 11, p. 131-132, 217-218]. The question arose as to whether Jonathan had two children born about the same time or was his son Jonathan, born July 1696, the son of Mary Cram.

Genealogical Dictionary of Maine and New Hampshire [Sybil Noyes, et al., Baltimore, 1983, p. 568] states that Mary Cram accused him in June 1696 after he had married Elizabeth (Pulsifer) Clifford; that Jonathan died 6 Jan. 1755; that Elizabeth made her will that month naming her Clifford daughter and 3 of 6 Prescotts born between 1696 and 1709 as well as grandchildren. A copy of Elizabeth's will was sought to verify which 3 of the Prescott children she listed, as no wedding date was provided in the article. Elizabeth identified herself as the "widow relict of Jonathan Prescott of Hampton Falls...yeoman, deceased," and identified all six of Jonathan's children born between 1696 and 1709 in her will and claimed them as her own. "...daughter of my Daughter Abigail Lock Deceased...daughter to my Daughter Mary Hilyard Deceased...my son Jeremiah Prescott...my Son Joseph Prescott...my Son Jonathan Prescott Deceased...my Son Benjamin Prescott ..." [Probate Records of the Province of New Hampshire, Otis G. Hammond, ed. NH. 1936, Vol. 5, 1754-1756, pp 211-212.]

Follow-up from English Records. The Continuing Search for the Yorkshire Connection of John Prescott of MA. The Family of Bulmer Prescott of Darlington Parish, Bishophric of Durham. Refer to *Prescotts Unlimited*, Vol. 19, #4, pp 39-40, for the first report on this Prescott family who warranted attention due to its Yorkshire connection. As reported in the cited article, Bulmer had a son William, who died owning lands in both Yorkshire and Durham. The earlier report raised the question as to whether Bulmer

**1695/6 March 18 James Posts Son Jonathan's Bail In Unnamed (Cram) Court Case;
They Both Sign Their Marks.**

(NHSArchives)

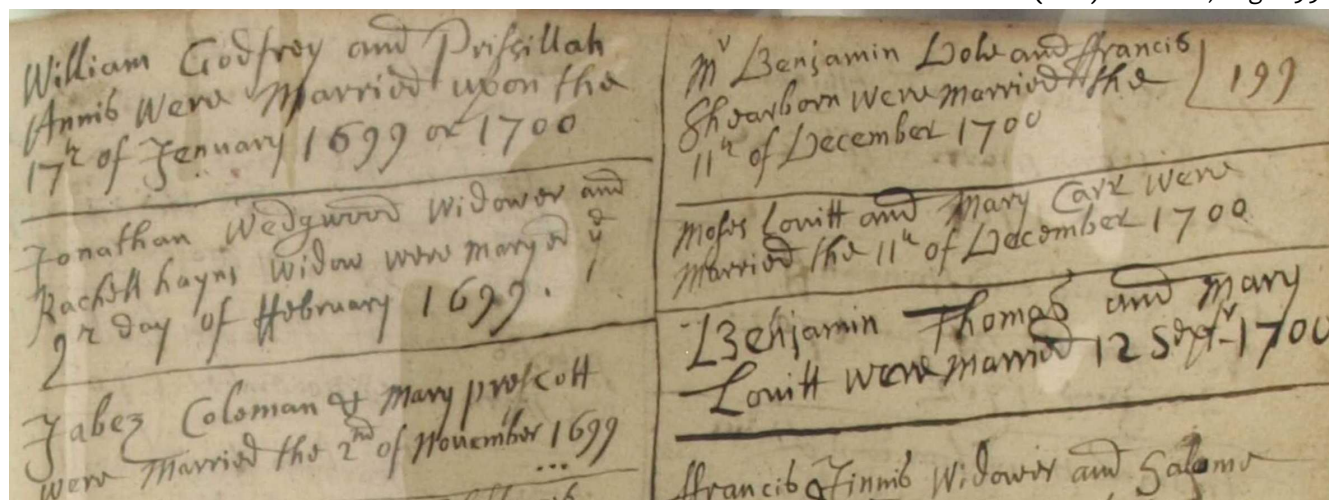
To be Remembered yt ^{18th} day of march 1695: Came before me
Jos Smith one of his Majesties Justices of peace Jonathan prescot of Hampton
in the Province of New Hampshire Laborer and acknowledged him self to stand
bound in a bond of 20: pounds. A James Prescot son of ye man above
bound of 20: pound all Current money of New England to stand bound in ye
sums above sd to our Sovereign Lord King William over England
Scotland, Hebrides & Ireland, to him his Heirs & Successors yt yt above
sd Jonathan Prescot shall be of good Behaviour towards our Sovereign Lord
ye King and all his Liege people, until ye next Quarter Sessions of ye
peace to be holden in ye sd Province, as also for his appearance —
then and there and not to depart without licence.
Dated at Hampton ye 18th day of march 1695. the marks of
Jonathan Prescot & James Prescot sign &
witness in a true writer bond this 18th day of march 1695 before me
Joseph Smith Justice of peace
Jonathan Prescot
the marks of
James Prescot

NB, the calendar during colonial times can be confusing as some years are joined as in the above 1695/96; for an explanation see:

<http://libguides.ctstatelibrary.org/hg/colonialresearch/calendar>

1699 Nov. 2 James' Daughter Mary's Marriage To Jabez Coleman; He And Son Joseph Are Killed September 4, 1724 By Indians In Kingston.

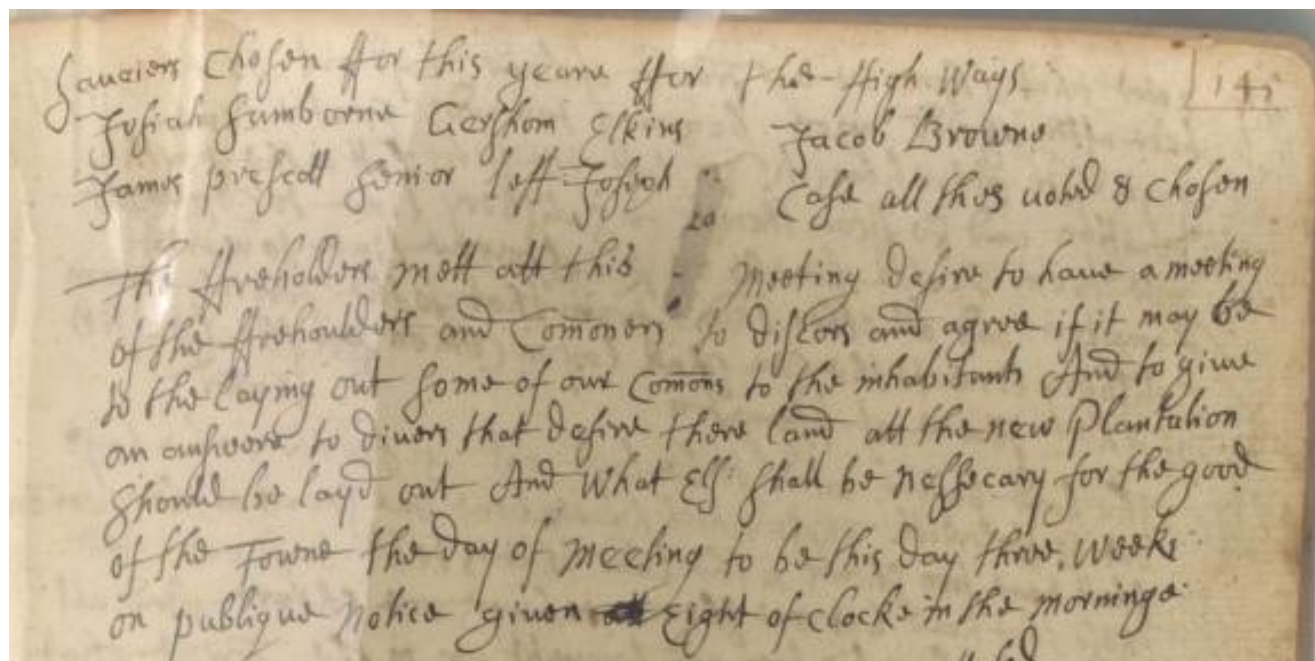
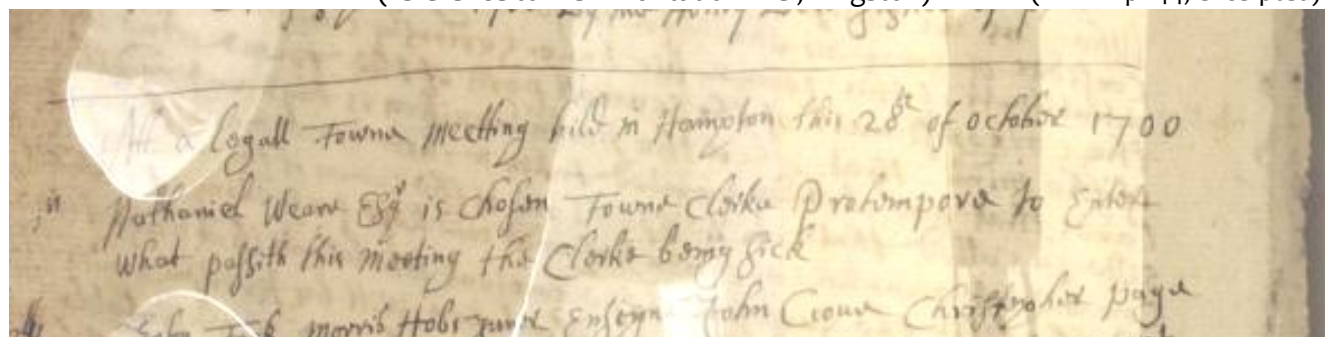
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1700 Oct. 28 James "Senior" Chosen Hampton "Surveior"

...(reference to "new Plantation" i.e., Kingston)

(HTR v.2p.144; excerpted)



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1700 Nov. 18 James Dissents On Hampton Gristmill Dam Vote (HTR v.2 p.160; excerpted)

At a legall meeting of the freholders and commoners of Hampton
the 18th of November 1700
the freholders being with to confider and doe that which may be
best for the benefit of the towne for to prevent any disorders

6th John Garland propounding to the Towne to have
liberty to build a corne gristmill upon Taylors River
where the first saw mill was builded The Towne
have granted him liberty provided he grind the corne
brought to him for the sixe month part thereof and that he
make no damm to doe damage to the saw mill first
about upon the sayd River
Decemr James prescott senior Abraham Drake junior
Richard Emborne for his wife Samuell Tilton

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1700 Dec. 19 James Chosen Kingston Moderator And To "Run The Line With Hampton Men Between Hampton and Kingston" (with Ebenezer Webster); Land Grants (Incl. Great Pond) (KINGSTON TOWN RECORDS P.33 NHSA)

Records of Grants 33
Decemr 19th 1700 At a Legall meeting of the freholders of Kingston
James Prescott sen chosen moderator for that meet-
ing
1st voted that James Prescott and Ebenezer Webster are chosen
to Run the Line with Hampton men between Hampton
Kingston
2^d voted and granted to James Prescott sen Thos Plater
Aaron Shapoe Thos Webster Samuell Colebrod Ebenezer
moses Elkins Thobed Robey Fabaz Selman for the same
Gosham Elkins Peter Johnson for their and the heirs and
of their two hundred acres of land on the westerly side of
the town but not within three miles off County Road where
it shalld be found convenient
3^d by his Honor granted to James Prescott Thos Plater
Aaron Shapoe Thos Webster Samuell Colebrod Ebenezer
moses Elkins Thobed Robey Fabaz Selman for the same
Gosham Elkins Peter Johnson for their and the heirs and
the greater share of upland in the County or Great pond
So Called

110
 Ordained of New Hampshire May: 26: 27: 1701
 We whose names are hereunto subscribed being deputed by the
 Town of Hampton And Kingstowne
 to run the West line from Hampton Meeting House seven mile to
 Kingstowne Bound and the East line North and South between the two
 Towns Accordingly these two days we have done it according
 to our best skill and judgment And upon running the first two mile
 from Hampton Meeting House we made allowance as we went for hills
 and valleys as was thought fitt And then agreed to run the other five mile
 and make allowance all left for hills & valleys and crocks in the line by
 reason of woods which was agreed upon to be favor come Road which being
 measured the seven mile ended about three Rod and a half over A
 great Brooke of Water called or known by the name of Kingstowne
 Mill which is said to run through grassy Swamps so called At the
 head or end of the seven mile We marked an Elm with a R on the
 West and an H on the East We also marked a Birch and some other trees
 thereabout But the Elm being the Bound line stand about six Rod to
 the Southward of the common Road way from Hampton to Kingstowne which
 being done we run the line North and marked the trees within a little
 a furlong since by Kings Falls and from the above sayd Elm South
 about three or four Miles by estimation this being our Return and
 a goodment we sett for our hands this day and year first
 as here written

Henry Dow
 Peter Weare
 John Smith
 Tho: Philbrook
 Ebenezer Welsh
 Samuel Dow
 James I prescott Senior
 Mark

Verba Copia Compounded
 by me Henry Dow
 Towns Clerk

there is five small meadows Lotts laid out in the
great meadow which belong to the meadow Lotts called
the second Division & called four meadow the Lotts are
as followeth 4 acres & $\frac{1}{2}$ to a Lott
Samuel Coleborn is the first Lott beginning at the East
or lower end of sd great meadow Bounded with upl
and on the East & north and south and with stakes
on the west running north quite cross sd meadow

James Wesskit is the second Lott next to Samuel
Coleborn west Bounded with upland on the north & south
and to meadow of Samuel Coleborn on the East and to meadow
of Joseph Fifield on the west with Bound stakes

Joseph Fifield is the third Lott next to James Wesskit
west Bounded with upland on the north & south & with
meadow of James Wesskit on the East and with meadow
of Gersham Elkins on the west with Bound stakes marks

Gersham Elkins is the fourth Lott next to Joseph Fifield west
Bounded with upland on the north & south and meadow
of Joseph Fifield ~~west~~ Bounded on the East and with
meadow of Edward Fifield on the west with Bound stakes

Edward Fifield is the fifth Lott next to Gersham Elkins
west Bounded with upland on the north & south and
with meadow of Gersham Elkins on the East and with
meadow of Samuel Coleborn Junior and Jacob Gilman
on the west with Bound stakes marks Samuel Coleborn
Edward Fifield

July 10th 1702
these are true Copies taken out
of Kingston Wepietors Book of records
Examd by me Eben^d Stevens
Wepietors clerk

1705 April 30 James "Senior" "Desent Against" A Hampton Proposal

(HTRv.2p.153)

At a legall meeting of the freholders of Hampton this
30th of April 1705 Called by a vote of the Representatives
of this Province Consented too by his Excellency our Governour
and Council Inverting the snding two men to morrow to portsmouth
According to sayd vote The freholders have voted the Negative
These men Enter there Desent against this vote
James Philbrick Senior John Moulton Senior Henry Dow
Isaac Godfrey John Rodman Senior Francis Finning
Saml Marston Ephraim Marston James Prescott Senior
Nathl Bachilder Senior Jonathan Philbrick John Tuck
Nathl Bachilder Junior Josiah Dow

https://archive.org/details/HAMPTONRECORDSVOLUME2PHOTOS_201802/page/n202

1706 May 15 James Signs His Mark As Witness To A Will, However....

From Hampton Library Website:

Probate of Israel Smith of Hampton, 1706

[Inventory, May 15, 1706; amount, £81.14.0; signed by James Prescott and Joseph Sanborn.]

<http://www.hampton.lib.nh.us/hampton/history/probate/israelsmith1706.htm>

(NHArchives)

apprized this 15th day of may 1706. by us.
Sargt. James Prescott
his \dagger marke
Joseph Sanborn
Sargt. James Prescott & Joseph Sanborn above named
made oath that they apprizd the above Invented
Estate according to their best Skill & knowledge
with-out favor or affection to any person what so ever
Sworn June 4th 1706. before me Joseph Smith Judge of
probate. &c

....Is this James Sr. or Jr.?

It is signed - marked - by "Sen", yet he is referenced as "Sargt", a title of Jr.'s.

Prescott.

Accused of Witchcraft (Part II). In the update published in the June 2001 issue, reference was made to Mary (Boulter) Prescott and her mother Grace (Swaine) Boulter being accused of being witches in a deposition taken in the course of the trial of Eunice Cole for witchcraft. A copy of the deposition was obtained while at Salt Lake. It was dated 14 July 1680.

Abbot stated in his book that the aforementioned abstracts from Carryer's trial "show very fully and clearly the shocking delusion and extreme consternation and distress of the people. The frenzy seized old and young, the ignorant and the learned... Goodness of character could not avail against the imaginations and caprice of the weak and deluded... There seem founded deep in human nature passions, which often prevail over the understanding, an enthusiasm, a frenzy which hears not the voice of reason."

The accusation apparently followed Mary (Boulter) Prescott. 26 years later, 11 November 1706, Mary was brought to court. The record states that she was vehemently suspected of being assistant in causing Benjaimin Bachilder's barn to be burnt. As some witnesses summoned did not appear, the case was postponed until 16 December, at which time James Prescott, Sr., posted a 20-pound bond for his wife's good behavior until the "next Quarter Sessions of the Peace to be heild in this province And that she shall then and there appear to be cleared by proclamation And the sayd Mary Prescott the wife of the sayd James Prescott Senior to Stand Committed untill this Sentance is Complied with" [FHLC mff# 17843, New Hampshire Court Records, Hampton Court]. The same court records indicate that a year earlier, there had been a variance between James Prescott and Benjamin Bachelder. Although the word witch is not mentioned in the records found to date relative to this suit, it follows the pattern of the culture they lived in. Considering the history of the witchcraft accusation against Mary, the previous disagreement between her husband and Bachelder, the undetermined cause of the barn fire — the stage is set. No, life under the Puritanical government of New England was not easy! More to come about the harshness of the culture in the next issue.

Was James Prescott of Hampton, NH, a son of John Prescott of Watertown and Lancaster, MA? The June 2001 English Update in *Prescotts Unlimited*, raised this question due to a variety of reasons, not the least of which were the following: (1) James was of the same generation as John's sons. (2) Baptismal dates are not available for some of John's children born in New England. (3) Some of the settlers of Hampton are known to have migrated from Watertown to Hampton. (4) The existing possibility that a son of John could have left the area as a young man before making his mark on the community of his birth. The answer to the question, however, appears to be answered "No" by the will of John Prescott. The will is reprinted below for both information and enjoyment.

The Will of John Prescott of Lancaster, MA.
 "Theis presents witnesseth that John Prescott of Lancaster in the Countie of Middlesex in New England Blaksmith being vnder the sencible decayes of nature and infirmities of old age and at present vnder a great deale of anguish and paine but of a good and sound memorie at the writing hereof being moved vpon considerations aforesaid together with advis of Christian friends to set his house in order in Reference to the dispose of those outward good things the lord in mercie hath betrustrusted him with, theirfore the said John Prescott doth hereby declare his last will and testament to be as followeth, first and chiefly Comiting and Comending his soule to almightie god that gaue it him and his bodie to the comon burying place here in Lancaster, and after his bodie being orderly and decently buried and the charge thei of defrayed together with all due debts discharged, the Rest of his Lands and estate to be disposed of as followeth: first in Reference to the Comfortable being of his louing wife during the time of her naturall Life, it is his will that his said wife haue that end of the house where he and shee now dwelleth together with halfe the fruit of the aple trees and all the goods in the house, together with two coves which she shall Chuse and medow sufisiant for wintering of them, out of the medowes where she shall Chuse, the said winter pvision for the two coves to be equally and seasonably pvided by his two sons John and Jonathan. And what this may fall short in Reference to convenient food and

1705 (or 6?) August 23 James Accused Of Threat To Batchelder's....Slave?

(From Batchelder Barnburn Folder, Family History Library Center [FHLC] Film#978285-17843)

James Batchelder being sworn saith & being at his master Benjamin Batchelder's he said to sd Batchelder that if James Prescott had com up with him when he came after him the sd Batchelder that he the sd Prescott would have thacked him (or beat him) the said Batchelder replied he didnot know but he would have beat him but hee would have tryed it with him or words to that effect Sworn in Court 23: of Augt 1705 before me Joseph Smith Justice of peace
The above is a true Copie of the original on file Examd for me Joseph Smith Justice of peace
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1 of 1

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/oclc/866708433?availability=Family%20History%20Library>

1706 November 11 James And Wife Mary Summonsed To Court, Accused By

Benjamin Batchelder Of Burning His Barn, Postponed To Dec. 16 "....And That She Shall Then Be Cleared By Proclamation"

(Batchelder Barnburn Folder, FHLC978285-17843)

New Hampshire
James prescott Senior and Mary his wife being Summonsed to Appear before Samuell pentakow & Henry Dow Esqrs the 11th of November 1706 being vehemently suspected that they or one of them might be Assistant in causing Benjamin Batchelder's Barn to be burnt By Reason some Evidencis that were Summonsed could not be present the further Hearing of the Case was Adjourned to the third Munday in December following
December 16- 1706
The Hearing the Case about being Adjourned to this day the Evidencis now being Read and Considered Which together & for the fee Carriage of the said Mary Prescott in the time of tryall I do adjudge that the said James prescott Senior give twentie pound Bond for his Wife good behavior unto her Maieskie And all her legal Subjects until the next Quarter Sessions of the peace to be hold in this province And that she shall then and there appear to be cleared by proclamation And the said Mary Prescott the wife of the said James prescott Senior to stand committed until this Sentence is Complied With
By me Henry Dow Justice of peace
All above is a true Copie Examined and Compared
By me Henry Dow Justice of peace

1706 December 16 James Posts Bond For Wife Mary For Next Hearing; Signs Mark

(Batchelder Barnburn Folder, FHLc978285-17843)

Know all men by this presents that I James prescott
of Hampton in the province of New Hampshire in New
England senior do bind my self in a Bond of twenty
pound money unto our Sovereign Lady Queen Anne
Her Heiress and Successors upon Condition that my now
Wife Mary Prescott shall be of good behavior towards
Her Majesty and all Her Loyal Subjects untill the next
Quarter Sessions of the peace to be hold in this
province upon the first tuesday in march next and that
she shall then and there appear to be charged by process
as witness my hand this 16 day of December 1706
in the fifth year of Her Majesties Reigne

16 December 1706

James Prescott senior
His Mark

James Prescott senior acknowledged
this above written Bond to be his
act and deed before me Henry Dow Justice
of peace

1706 December 16 The Apparent Court Bill

Quartr Sessions and all the Loyal Subjects
in prescott Case the Chary Att to be
Hampton the Warrant in ma
Nine Supenys for Witnesses - 1-0 to be
1 Recognizance - 1-6 by of
1 Copie - 2-0 its Re
The Constable - 0-6 amob
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the Constable Kingston - 1-6 dynd
Constable Exchev - 2-0
to a Witness att Kingston - 2-6 1 Don
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1707 April 18 James Senior Conveys Land To Son Joshua

(A 1717 copy; Rockingham County NH Registry Of Deeds Book 9 P.764-5, excerpted)

Prescot to Prescott

KNOW all men by these presents that I James Prescott ^{sen} of Hampton in the province of New Hampshire in New England planter have for and in Consideration of fully paid m^y money loaned to me by Bill Under the hand and seal of Joshua Prescott of Hampton aforesaid bearing date 10th this Instant and 10th other good causes and considerations moving me hereunto HAVE bargained granted sold and delivered and by these presents do fully absolutely bargain grant sell and deliver unto the above said Joshua Prescott all my lands now lying in y^e Town of Hampton aforesaid of followeth to wit: one Acre be it more or less at this now in fowles and bounded as followeth on y^e west side three acres and sixteen Rods on y^e Eastward by side of four acres and four Rod long on the Southward and forty Rods wide on y^e Northward and forty Rod long with houses and on the Eastward by side of y^e Land on y^e South side of y^e Doctors farm and on the South with James Prescotts field and on the East 10th side of Peter's wood land and on y^e West 10th side of Land w^{ch} I had formerly of the town w^{ch} five Acres lying on y^e East side of y^e same land.

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The Land James Prescott my heirs Executors and assigns or any other person or persons is to forever leaving any just Claims thereto and for Confirmation of all above written I the said James Prescott have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 12th day of Aprile anow thousand seven hundred and seven and in y^e sixth year of Queen Anne Queen of England Scotland France and Ireland Defender of the

signed sealed and delivered in the presence of
James Prescott
James Healy
James Prescott sen^r appeared and put new words to the above Instrument to be his voluntary Act
Deed before Joseph Smith Just. peace
Entered and recorded according to y^e Original Jan. 16th 1717

Wm Vaughan Clerk.

...And Joshua, His Son, Goes On To Co-Found East Kingston In 1738
(and Grandson Jeremiah)

East Kingston Town Records <https://archive.org/details/EastKingstonNHTownRecordsVolume1/page/n9/mode/1up>

Anno Regni Regis Georgii Secundi Magnae Britanniae Fran-
ciae et Hiberniae Duodecimo ~
An Act for making a new Parish in the Town of King-
ston in the Easterly part of S. Town ~
Whereas John Darling Joseph Gale Benjⁿ French Rich^d ~
Clifford Theophilus Griffin William Boynton Joshua Rees Jer-
emiah Webster William Smith Nathan Batchelder Phineas ~
Batchelder Jonathan Gale Jeremiah Rees Stephen Merrill

excerpted

Brown William Whicher John Darling Jun^r & Jacob Gale ~ Inha-
bitants in the Easterly part of S. ~~Kingston~~ Town labouring under great diffi-
culties with respect to their distance from the place of Publick wor-
ship in S. Town & attending on the same, Have built a meeting
House in that part of the town where they live, convenient for
themselves & their families, and being desirous of having the Gospel
Ministry amongst them, Have Represented the same to this Court, and
Petitioned that they might be set off a separate and distinct Parish
and have all the Powers and Privileges which other Parishes in this
Province have and do enjoy ~

excerpted

That the Petitioners afores^d, with their families and
Estate, be and are set off from the S. Town of Kingston and made
a separate & distinct Parish by the name of Kingston East Parish
and that they have and enjoy all the ^{Privileges} Powers and Authorities which
other Parishes in this Province have and do by Law enjoy, and that they
be and are hereby Exempted from paying any Tax for the future
towards the support of the Ministry and School, in the S. Town of
Kingston Except the tax for the year 1738, and that they have
Liberty to Choose Select men or assessors, a Parish Clerk, and a
Constable or Collector amongst themselves annually, for the support

JAMES PRESCOTT IN HAMPTON FALLS FORMATIVE HISTORY

<https://archive.org/stream/historyoftownofhoobrow#page/13/mode/1up> History Of The Town Of Hampton Falls, Warren Brown, 1900 P.13

Hampton Falls was formerly a part of Hampton. It did not have an act of incorporation making it a separate town at once, as most towns did. Its separation from the parent town was a gradual one. In 1709 a new parish was formed, a meeting-house built, and a minister settled. In 1718 permission was given to choose town or parish officers, and a representative. Our first town meeting was held and our town records began in 1718. In 1726 each town voted to raise their minister rates separately; up to that time they had been raised together. From that time Hampton Falls became an independent town and completely separated from the old town of Hampton. Hampton Falls was called a parish until the time of the Revolutionary War, and Falls was generally written with a small "f" until about the same time.

1706 April 30 James "Senior" Votes No To Hampton Meeting House Fix....

At a legall meeting of the freholders of Hampton 30 April 1706
 being met together to consider of some way to put the meeting House in
 Repaire
 voted that the selectmen take care to Repaire the meeting House That is
 to say. Earth all the clay walls. and daub them and wash them over with white
 lime mend the Glass windows Cause Shetts to be made to preform the Glaze
 for the flues and to shingle it a new. And lay the floor over the Beams
 And to make a rate to pay for the same
 Voted
 These men under neath enter their Decents
 Not against the Repaying of the meeting House
 but against the paying of there proportion towards
 the Reparing of it By Reason they are Engaged
 to build a meeting House on the Falls Side
 En^d John Gove Joseph Cass Nath^l Weare Esq^r
 Joseph Samborn James prescott Senior Daniel Tilton
 12 Joseph Swett

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(HTR v.2 p.155)

.....Because We're Building Our Own "On The Falls Side".

<https://archive.org/stream/historyoftownofhoobrow#page/17/mode/1up>

History Of The Town Of Hampton Falls P.17

At a town meeting in Hampton April 30, 1706,—

Voted to repair the walls of the meeting house, Earth all the clay walls and daub them, and wash them over with white lime. Mend the glass windows and cause Shetts to be made. To shingle it anew, and lay the floor over the beams, and to make a rate to pay the same.

Nathaniel Weare, Joseph Cass, John Gove, and twelve others enter their dissent, not because they are opposed to the repair of the meeting-house, but because they are engaged in building a new meeting-house on the Falls side.

1708 November 30 James "Junior" Gets Hampton Land Grant Near James
"Senior", Apparently In What Is Now Hampton Falls

(HTR v.2 p.80)

November the 30 - 1708
According to our order from the Commissioners of
Hampton was Layd out to James present Junior
ten acres of Land near where his house stands
22 Rods from his fathers Land fasten upon the
Road to a whit oke and then 20 Rods nor East
to a whit oke and then nor south 23 Rods to two
okes stump and from James present senior bottom
stump on the south East corner of his Land we
measured nor south 23 Rods to a buck stump
and he is for to cause a high way three Rods
wide on the north side of his orchard from the
East end of his Land to the Country Road or to
the Common where it will be your going with
a Load cart: and where it was left to us for
to sell him two acres more if we for cause
we have sent him two acres on the south
side of the Land that was Layd out to him for
three pounds in money 16 Rods on the Road
and so to come to the buck stump mentioned
in our Return as witness our hands this day
and your above written as Late Layors
Joseph Swett
Abraham monston
Sam^l Low Late Layors

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1709 June 17 James Sr, Jr, Jonathan, John, Nathan On Hampton Falls Taxrolls

New England Historical and Geneological Register (NEHGR) vol.28

374 *Hampton Falls, N. H., Tax-Payers in 1709.* [Oct.

day of June seueenteen Hundred and nine and in the Eight year of her
Majesties Reigne Queen Anne &c.

JOSEPH SMITH Justice of peace
JOSEPH CHASE
JOHN GOUE
JOHN SAMBORN sen: } Select men
SAMUELL MARSTON assessers
SAMUEL SHAW

THE PROVINCE RATTE 1709.

	lb.	s.	d.			
Nath ^l Bachelder Jun:	1	7	11	Hen: Green	0	2 2
Benja: Bachelder	0	13	3	En: John Goue	1	9 0
Jona: Bachelder	0	3	3	Eben: Goue	0	18 3
Benja: Browne sen:	1	6	3	Jacob Green Ju:	0	3 1
willi: Browne	0	9	9	Timothy Hilyard	0	16 10
Benja: Browne Jun:	0	7	2	Benja: Hilyard	0	11 3
Timothy Blake sen:	0	16	2	Sam ^l Heley	0	13 0
Phile: Blake	0	10	5	M ^l : Huckly	0	3 7
Moses Blake	0	5	4	Nehemiah Heath	0	7 6
Iserall Blake	0	5	2	Ephra: Hoyt	0	6 1
Timothy Blake Jun	0	3	3	Stephen Hussey	0	3 7
Jacob Basford	0	10	1	John Heaton	0	5 4
James Basford	0	2	8	Edman Johnson	0	11 2
Capt Joseph Casse	0	14	0	Sam ^l Leuitt	0	0 11
John Clifford	0	12	9	Daued Larance	0	1 4
Jacob Clifford	0	6	6	Sam ^l Malsher	0	10 6
Iserall Clifford sen:	0	13	0	John Morgin	0	6 1
Iserall Clifford Jun:	0	5	6	Bonus Norton	1	5 1
Zacke: Clifford	0	2	2	Jonathon Nason	0	7 7
Sam ^l Casse	0	4	0	Jonathon Philbrook	1	2 6
Benja: Cram sen:	0	10	1	Thomas Philbrook	0	3 2
Tho: Cram	0	9	4	Chris: Potle	0	15 2
John Cram sen:	0	18	5	James Prescott sen:	0	15 5
Benja: Cram Jun:	0	12	0	James Prescott Jun:	0	13 0
John Cram Jun:	0	6	4	Jonathon Prescott	0	14 8
Joseph Cram	0	9	9	John Prescott	0	8 1
Tho: & John Chasse	1	14	10	nath ^l Prescott	0	7 6
Jabez Colmon	0	2	2	Calah Perkins & Ben	0	15 0
Phillip Chasse	0	2	2			
Mehetable Dow	0	4	10			
John Dow	0	9	8			

<https://archive.org/details/newenglandhistor28wate/page/374>

Same as appears in Brown's History of The Town of Hampton Falls (p.329; excerpted)

PROVINCE RATE AND INVENTORY.

PROVINCE RATE, JUNE, 1709.

WILLIAM BROWN, constable. Order from selectmen. This included all south of Taylor's river, including what is now Kensington and Seabrook. William Brown lived upon the south road in Kensington.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Nathaniel Batchelder, Jr.....	1	7	11	3	6	6
Benjamin Batchelder.....		13	3	1	10	3
Christopher Pottle	15	2		1	17	4
James Prescott, Sen.....	15	5		1	17	4
Jonathan Prescott.....	14	8			17	0
James Prescott, Jr.....	13	0		1	10	3
John Prescott.....	8	1			17	8
Nathaniel Prescott.....	7	6			16	4

<https://archive.org/stream/historyoftownofhoobrow#page/n327/mode/2up/search/%22james+prescott%226>

1709 December 3 James Prescott Sr, Jr, & Nathan Petition To Self-Tax For
Hampton Falls Minister Costs, Effectively Begining Self-Governance

(NHSP Volume 3)

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PROVINCE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

[1709.

the Representatives to examine and audit the Treasurer's
acc^{ts}.

[P. 303.] Province of New Hampshire.

The following of the inhabitants of the South part of
Hampton was read at this Board, viz :

To his Excellency Joseph Dudley, Esq., Governour and Comander
in Chiefe in and over her Majesty's Province of the Massachu-
setts Bay and New Hampshire, and the Honourable the members
of the Council and Representatives, convened together in Gen-
eral Assembly, now sitting:

The humble address and petition of her Majesty's Loyal and du-
tiful subjects belonging to the South part of Hampton, in said
Province of New Hampshire, commonly called Hampton falls,
Most humbly sheweth,—

That your petitioners being at that distance from the publick
place of the worship of God at the Town, and see many difficul-
ties in going, and many times no passing over the Causeway by
any means, that it hath caused your petitioners to be at the charge
of building a Meeting House upon our side of the Town, and have
had a minister for some time, and doing all by free contributions
our selves; and the other part of the Town being the Major part
of the Town, Rates us in the full proportion according to our es-
tates, to the repairing the Meeting House and parsonage, and to
the minister there, which is burdensome to us, and we are not able
to settle a minister with us for want of some better settlement in
the matter.

Wee therefore pray that in your wisdom you will grant us some
relief in this matter, either that the Town and we on our side may
maintain two by raising our Rates in general together, or that
we may be freed from the paying to the Town, and have power
given us to make a Rate or tax for the subsistance of one with us.

John Gove,
Nath^l Batchelder,
Tho. Cram,
Joseph Sanburn,
Sam^l Healey,
Nath^l Wear,
Nath^l Wear, Jr.,
Timothy Hillyard,

James Prescott,
Timothy Blake, Sen.,
Jacob Green,
Isaac Green,
Dan^l Tilton,
Joseph Swett,
Joseph Case,
Jonathan Mason,

Jethro Tilton,	Benj. Batchelor,
Bonus Norton,	Jonathan Batchelor,
Joseph Emons, [?]	Israel Clifford,
Ebenez ^r Gove,	Benjamin Hillyard,
Jonath ⁿ Philbrook,	Nath ^l Sanburn,
Joseph Cram,	James Prescott,
Ephraim Hoyt,	Benj ^a Sanborn,
John French,	Sam ^l Tilton,
Peter Wear,	Philemon Blake,
Cha. Pottle,	Benj. Cram,
Sam ^l Shaw,	Joseph Tilton,
W ^m Sanburn,	David Tilton,
Jn ^o Brown,	Jonathan Fifield,
Holdridge Celley,	Enoch Sanburn,
John Eaton,	Jacob Clifford,
Nath ^l Prescott,	Zacharias Clifford,
Jacob Basford,	Caleb Shaw,
Israel Blake,	W ^m Brown,
Israel Clifford, Sen ^r ,	Benjamin Perkins.

Upon a full hearing of both parties in Council upon this petition, the 3^d December, 1709, voted that the contract and agreement of the Town of Hampton for the maintenance of Mr. John Cotton, their present minister, be and is hereby ratified and confirmed ; And the town directed to proceed for the raising and payment of the same as in all time heretofore ; That the petitioners and such others as are joined with them on the westward of Tailor's River,* have power at a meeting once a year for that end, to choose among themselves three persons to be Assessors for raising the sum of ——— for the maintenance of such learned and orthodox minister to officiate in the New Church at Hampton, as they shall agree to call to the service there, with the advice of Mr. Cotton, their present minister ; that the affairs may proceed with such peace and friendship as becomes religion and good order ; And that the Assessment upon the

said petitioners and inhabitants on the said Western side of Tailor's River, being signed by the said Assessors, shall be Collected by the Constables at all times, and paid into the minister for his support, as in all other Towns and precincts in this Province.

Past by the Council.

Cha : Story, Secretary.

To His Excellency Joseph Dudley Esq^r Gouverneur
And Commander in chief in and over Her Majesties Province
of the Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire: and the
Honourable the Members of the Council and the Representatives
Convened together in generall assembly Now Sitting

The Humble Address and Petition of Her Majestys Loyal and Dutifull
Subjects Belonging to the South part of Hampton in the Province of
New Hampshire Emancipally called Hampton falls Most Humbly Sheweth

That your Petitioners Being at that Distance from the Publick place of the
Worship of God at ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~town~~ ^{town} and some many Difficulties in going and many times
No passing over the Causway by any means: that it hath caused your petitioners
to bear the Charge of Building a meeting house upon our Side of the town and
Have had a minister for some time and doing all by their contribution ourselves
and the other part of the town Being the Major part of the town Rates us to the
full proportion according to our Estates to the Repairing the Meeting house and Personage
and to the Minister there which is Burdensome to us and we are not able to Suffer
a minister with us for want of some other settlement in this Matter

Do therefore Pray

That in your Wisdom you would grant us some Relief in this matter
Either that the town and ~~we~~ ^{we} on our Side may maintain ~~two~~ ^{one} by raising
our Rates in generall together or that we may ~~be~~ ^{be} ~~freed~~ ^{freed} from the paying
to the town and have Power given us to make a Rate or tax for the Sub-
sistence of one with us

Bonus Norton
George Emory
Ebenzer Fowle
Jonathan Philbrick
Joseph Cram
Ephraim Hoyt
John French
Dea. Wm
Chapman poHoll
Samuel Shaw

Isaiah Clifford son Jacob Guba a Nathl Wadsworth
Jonathannason Joseph Wilton Isaac Jones
Benjamin Hildreth David Wilton David Wilton
Benja. Bachelder Jonathan Hildreth Joseph Brewster
Jonathan Bachelder Jonathan Hildreth Joseph Cass
Isaiah Clifford Benja. Hildreth Erich Jacobson Nathl Wadsworth
mo J. Blake Jacob Casard Simons Hildreth
Zacharias Clifford Saml. Prescott son
Benja. Hildreth Caleb Shaw John Gove
Benjamin Prescott Nathl. Bachelder
William Lamborn Joseph Jacobson
John Brown Saml. Hoaly
Hobbsys Colling Nathl. Lamborn
John Eaton James Prescott
Nathl. Prescott Benjamin Jacobson
Isaiah Clifford

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 as in all times past; That the petitioners and such others as are joined
 with them on the westward of Taylor's River, have power at a meeting once
 a year for that end to choose among themselves, three persons to be officers
 for the raising the sum of - - - for the maintenance of such learned and
 Orthodox Minister to officiate in the New Church at Hampton as they shall
 agree to call to the service there, with the advice of m^r. Cotton their
 present Minister, that the affairs may proceed with such peace & friendshipp
 as becoming Religion and Good Order, and that the Assessment upon the said
 petitioners and Inhabitants on the said western side of Taylor's River being
 signed by the said officers shall be collected by the Constables at all times, and
 paid into the Minister for his support, as in all other Towns and parishes in
 this province

pass by the Council
 Cha: Story Secretary

Hampton petition
 Entered

1709

comd
 [vol. 3. p. 408]

1710 April 26 James Sr, Sons Jr, Jonathan, John, et.al. "Desents" On
 Hampton Proposal That The "Town Is Of Unanimous Mind" To Hire A
 Minister - They Apparently Already Have One In Hampton Falls.
 It Passes...yet are obviously not of "unanimous mind"! (now what?).

(HTR v.2 p.165)

the present
 Att Ametting of the Inhabitants of the Towne of Hampton
 the 26th April 1710
 1^{ly} Major Joseph Smith is chosen moderator for the said meeting
 2^{ly} The Towne have agreed for to paye the Charge of
 m^r John Cotton funeral by way of Ratte
 3^{ly} The Towne have voted that mistries Cotton shall have
 The improvement of the parsonage place for this Summer
 Till the fall for the use of his self and family
 4^{ly} voted that the Towne is of Unanimous mind for to hire
 A minister for the Towne
 Desents John Samborn Nath: wden jun: Tim: Blake son
 Joseph Sweet son: Jacob Stanyan William Brown Joseph Tilton
 Daniel Tilton Moses Blake Parrell Blake Zach: Clifford
 James Brasnett Jun: Jacob Bassford Gathro Tilton Nath: wden Esq^r
 Nohomiah Hoath Bennis norron Nath: Backster Gwoll Clifford Jun:
 Benja: Hifield John Brasnett Robert New Jun: Gledde Gwoll James
 Brasnett Jun: Gona: Hifield Joseph Samborn Jonathan Brasnett
 John Eaton Enok Samborn Cap Jacob Gwoll Sam: Holy
 Nath: Samborn Benja: Cram Jun: Ensign Daniel Tilton
 Peter wden Caleb Shaw
 5^{ly} Deacon Samuel Shaw Deacon Elkins and John Tuck are
 Chosen for to see if that they can procure a minister
 for the Towne

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[P. 322.] Province of New Hampshire.

At a Council and General Assembly held
at Portsmouth, on Saturday, the 13th day
of May, 1710, by adj^t, ante meridiem.

Present,

His Excellency, &c.,

Major W ^m Vaughan,	} Esqs.	John Gerrish,	} Esqs.
Robert Elliot,		Sam ^l Penhallow,	
Nath ^l Weare,		John Plaisted,	

The petition of her Majesty's subjects of the south part
of Hampton, commonly called Hampton Falls, was read
at this Board, and is as followeth, viz :

To his Excellency, Joseph Dudley, Esq., Govern^r and Com-
mander-in-Chiefe, in and over her Majesty's Province of the
Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire, and the Hon^{ble} the
members of the Council and Representatives convened together
in General Assembly, now sitting.

The Humble address and petition of her Majesty's Loyal and
dutiful subjects belonging to the south part of Hampton in the
said Province of New Hampshire, commonly called Hampton
Falls, most humbly sheweth,—

That your petitioners having formerly laid before y^r Excellency
and Council the great want of having one settled among us on
our side of the Town in the work of the ministry, and now by
God's good Providence have obtained the Reverend Mr. Theophi-
lus Cotton among us in that work, and God by his awful stroke
of Providence having removed, by death, the worthy and Rev-
erend Mr. John Cotton* to our great lamentation, we do there-
fore pray, That we may be set off from the town from being at
any charge as to procuring and maintaining a minister there; and
that we may have power given us to make a tax or Rate, from
time to time, as shall be for the support of our minister with us,
and that each part of the Town maintain their own minister;
That as we have been at equal charge according to our estates as
[P. 323.] to purchasing and holding the parsonage at the Town,
that now we may have some land appointed and laid out for a
parsonage, as convenient as it may be had for the Falls side, ac-
cording to the worth of our part of the town; That the Bounds

* Rev. John Cotton died March 27, 1710, aged 57 years.—N. H. Reg.

may be settled between each part of the town, Tailor River being so crooked that it parts the inhabitants belonging to our meeting-House, we pray that the River may be the bounds up to the place called Garland's Mill, and from thence to a Bound tree betwixt Exeter and Hampton, at a place called Ass Brook, or that a committee of indifferent men may be appointed to come upon the place, and they to settle the Bounds, as in your wisdom shall be directed, and as in duty bound we shall ever pray.

John Brown,
Joseph Tilton,
Robert Reed,
Edward Wilkins,
Israel Black,
John Swayn,
Caleb Swayn,
Peter Weare,
Joseph Sweet, Jr.,
John Drown,
John Gove,
John Cass,
Benj. Perkins,
Ebenez^r Gove,
Thomas Cram,
John Cram,
W^m Brown,
Joseph Cass,
Ephraim Hoit,
David Tilton,
Jacob Stanyan,
Sam^l Melcher,
Zacharah Clifford,
John Sanbun,
Jonathan Prescott,
John Eaton,
Nath^l Prescott,
John Cram.

Joseph Emons,
Timothy Hutchins,
Benj. Hillyard,
Israel Clifford, Jr.,
Jacob Clifford,
John Morginn,
Nath^l Weare, Jr.,
Samuel Shaw,
Caleb Shaw,
Dan^l Tilton,
Tho. Philbrook,
Sam^l Healy,
Nath^l Bachelor,
James Prescott, sen.,
Isaac Green,
Benj. Fifield,
Enoch Sanburn,
Benj. Bachelor,
Moses Blake,
Joseph Sanburn,
Philemon Blake,
Jonathan Fifield,
W^m Shipperd,
John French,
Caleb Perkins,
Timothy Blake,
Jethro Tilton,
Bonos Norton.

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Ordered that a copy of this petition be sent to the select men of Hampton, to attend his Excellency, Council and Representatives, on Monday next, in the afternoon, that there may be a full hearing betwixt all parties relating to the contents within mentioned.

Cha. Story, Secretary.

13th May, 1710.

Sent down to the House of Representatives for concurrence. Consented to by the House of Representatives.

Theodore Attkinson, per order of the House.

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UPDATE ON ENGLISH RESEARCH

Adell T. Prescott

The Financial Update

Deficit Previous Report	-710.31
Receipts Since Last Report	275.00
Disbursements Since Last Report	11.75
Deficit	-447.06

The General Update. This report is a continued sharing of information gathered on the last research trip to Salt Lake during which we searched for additional clues from New England records as to a familial relationship between the early Prescott immigrants: John Prescott of Watertown and Lancaster, MA; Edward Prescott of London and Salem Village, MA; James Prescott of Hampton, NH; Peter Prescott of Salem Village, MA; John Prescott of Salem Village, MA and Dr. Prescott of Andover and/or Salem Village, MA. Past research has raised questions for which answers are being sought. New research answers some and raises others. As promised in the last update, more follows below on the family of James Prescott of Hampton, NH, as well as additional and/or clarifying information re English families reported on previously.

Harsh Realities of Life under a Puritanical Government: Family of James Prescott of Hampton, NH. In the last issue, the comment was made that life was not easy in Puritan New England, and examples were cited re John Prescott of Salem (drinking) and Mary (Boulter) Prescott of Hampton (witchcraft). Not all immigrants to New England were Puritan before their arrival, and yet they found themselves in an intolerant culture that demanded conformity to certain religious principles in exchange for economic and political favor. The Puritan society was a very unforgiving, superstitious and litigious society. The court records are full of land squabbles, neighborly disagreements, and private indiscretions made public; and, although these records may reveal information one might rather not know about one's ancestors, they, nevertheless sometimes provide the only extant proof of one's genealogical lineage. In addition, these records sometimes offer glimpses of the true strength of character of one's ancestor. One such instance involves the arrival of a grandchild in the family of James and Mary (Boulter) Prescott.

It is stated in *The Prescott Memorial*, Part II, regarding Joshua Prescott, son of James and Mary: "b. March 1, 1669; m. The record of this son is very deficient. We find no record of his marriage or

death, nor the name of his wife, or the birth of but a part of his children...It is a tradition in the family that he did not marry until 38 to 40 years of age, which the date of the birth of his children would seem to confirm."

The court records of Hampton confirm the family tradition that Joshua was indeed about 39 or 40 when he married. These same records tell us whom Joshua married, the name of his wife's father and the courageous acts of his father, and his wife's mother. A warrant dated 12 Oct. 1710, called for the arrest of "Sarah Clifford the daughter of Israel Clifford of Hampton...for her having a child soon after marriage." The warrant also called for Hannah Gove, the midwife, to be summoned to testify in the case. The warrant was returned by the constable with the notation: "I have made diligent search for the within mentioned Sarah Clifford but could not find her." This note was signed by John Gove, 9 Nov. 1710.

At a court held 5 Dec. 1710, a warrant was reordered in this case. The warrant was dated 26 Dec. 17120, and within the warrant the name Clifford following Sarah was marked out and replaced with the surname Prescott. Sarah was still described as the daughter of Israel Clifford. This warrant was likewise returned by the constable, John Gove, with this notation dated 5 Mar. 1710/11: "In Pursuant to the with in Warant I have made Sarch for the with in Named Sarah Prescott I Cannot find her."

At a court held 5 Jun. 1711, a warrant was reordered in this case. The warrant was dated 27 Jul. 1711. This warrant was returned by Stephen England, under sheriff, with this notation dated 31 Aug. 1711: Pursuant to the within...I have apprehended the body of the within named Sarah Prescott the wife of Joshua Prescott and after I had so done, she was forcibly received out of my custody by James Prescott, Joshua Prescott & the wife of Israel Clifford all of Hampton.

On 4 Sep. 1711, two warrants were issued. One warrant was for the arrest of Sarah Prescott, the wife of Josh: Prescott, for Joshua Prescott, for the wife of Israel Clifford, and for Rebecca Garland for receiving out of the custody of Stephen England, the under sheriff, Sarah Prescott, the wife of Josh: Prescott of Hampton. The warrant also, called for Richard Sandburn of Hampton to come and give evidence in the case. The warrant was returned 5 Sep. 1711 by John Moulton, constable, with the notation: "I have made diligent search for the within named persons the last night & this morning, but

only Israel Cliffords wife and have also summonsed Richard Sanborn." The other warrant was for James Prescott of Hampton for the same charge. Although James, much to his credit, had not allowed his daughter-in-law to be arrested, he surrendered himself to arrest and was charged 12 shillings in costs. The final outcome of the case against Sarah (Clifford) Prescott for having a child "soon after marriage" was not disclosed in the records searched [File No. 17845, FHLC mf#978285]. The child "born soon after marriage" was Nathan Prescott, the first of at least 11 children born to Joshua and Sarah, who in spite of having a child "soon after marriage" were respected members of the newly formed Hampton Falls (1712) town and parish. They later moved to Kingston where Nathan was one of the organizing members of the church there, 29 Sep. 1725. The 1742 tax list for Kingston, NH, listed Joshua with 3 polls; his son Edward was listed separately. As well as being taxed on his house, land, and animals, Joshua was taxed for owning mills and was one of the more successful men of the town [New Hampshire 1742 Estate List, Pauline Johnson Oesterlin, pp. 166-175].

Descendants of Joshua and Sarah will be interested in a biographical sketch on the Clifford family of Hampton Falls which states that Israel Clifford married Ann Smith, 15 Mar. 1680. They had five children. Israel was a member of Hampton church and was dismissed to the Falls church, 9 Dec. 1711. The father of Israel Clifford was John Clifford (born in England), son of George Clifford who came to Boston in 1644. The sketch speculates that this was the same George Clifford family who lived in Arnold Village and parish in Nottingham, England. [History of Hampton Falls, N.H. 1640-1900, Warren Brown, Manchester, N.H. 1900, pp 231-232.]

The parentage of Ann Smith, who married Israel Clifford as indicated in the preceding paragraph, remains unclear. Dow's *History of Hampton* speculates that Ann Smith was the sister of Nathaniel Smith based on the fact that both were involved in the witchcraft trials:

Nathaniel as a witness against Goody [Rachel] Fuller and Ann as an alleged victim of Goody [Eunice] Cole's wiles. It was during the trial of Goody Fuller that Mary (Boulter) Prescott was first accused of being a witch [refer to "Accused of Witchcraft," Parts I and II previously published in *Prescotts Unlimited*, June 2001 and March 2002]. Although there were other Smith families present, these children or at least Nathaniel was reared by Deacon William Godfrey and his wife Margerie. Dow states: "The year that Goody Cole died, Ann Smith, probably the same Ann Smith,

married Israel Clifford." Dow, like Dr. William Prescott (author of *The Prescott Memorial*) did not pick up on the marriage of Sarah Clifford, daughter of Israel and Ann, to Joshua Prescott. Dow does include the birth date of Sarah as 10 May 1691 but speculates that she probably died young. [History of the Town of Hampton, New Hampshire, Vol. I and II, Joseph Dow, 1882, pp 80, 84-85, 638, 977-978].

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1710 Oct. 12 Warrant For James Daughter-In-Law Sarah Clifford "For Having a Child Soon After Marriage"

(Family History Library Center, FHLC978285-17845)

Province of To witte of y^e Constables of
New Hampsh^h Hampton Greeling

Pursuant to an order of y^e worshipfull
the Justices of her majesties generall Sessions
of the peace hold at Portsmth for y^e Province
on the 5th Sep^r last you are hereby required
in her majesties name to apprehend y^e body of
Sarah Clifford the daughter of Isaac Clifford
of Hampton in y^e Province and her carry before
some one of her majesties Justices of y^e peace
within y^e Province in order to her being bound
over to the next Sessions there to answer
to her presentm^t by the Grand Jury for her
having a Child soon after marriage. You
are also to summon Hannah Gove midwife
of Hampton to appear at y^e Sessions there
to give Evidence of what she knowy relating
to y^e p^rmis^s herof fail not at your
perill Portsmth dated this 12 of Octobr 1710

Renj: Gambing Cr?

1710 November 9 Can't Find Sarah Clifford, Jonathan Prescott's Wife

(Family History Library Center, FHLC978285-17845)

I have made diligent search for the ^{late}
mentioned Sarah Clifford but could not find her
November 1710
John Gore

David Aspinwall
Clifford

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Province } To either of the Constables of Hamp
new Hamp } - lon Greeting

Pursuant to an order of the worships
the Justices of her majesties court quarter
Sessions of the peace held at Dorchester for
the province this 5th of December 1710

You are hereby required in her majesties
name to apprehend the body of Sarah
Prescott ~~Clifford~~ the daughter of Israel Clifford
of Hampton in the province and her Cony.
before some one of her majesties Justices
of the peace within the province in order
to her being bound over to the next sessions
more to answer to her presentment by a
Grand Jury for her having a Child born
after marriage You are also to summon
Hannah Gove midwife of Hampton
to appear at the Sessions there to give
evidence of what she knows relating
to the premises hereof fail not to do
this 20th of December 1710

E. Dens. Gambury Esq.

At a quarter session of the
Court of the County of Dorchester
the 11th of December 1710

1711 March 5 Nope, No Sarah Here Either. So, Where Is Sarah?!

(Family History Library Center, FHLC978285-17845)

I roined New Hampshire in Pursuant to the writ in Warrant
I have made Search for the writ in Name of Sarah
Profect I Cannot find her March 5: 1711
John Gout Constable

Warrant for Search
Profect

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/oclc/866708433?availability=Family%20History%20Library>

1711 March 6 Sarah, Show Up On April 30 Or Else! ("Fail Not At Your Perill")

(Family History Library Center, FHLC978285-17845)

Provinc
New Hampshire } To either of y^e Consuls of Hampton
Pursuant to an order of y^e worshipful
the Justices of her majesties gen^l quarter Sessions
of y^e peace hold at Dorset for y^e Province
on y^e 6th of march last past
You are hereby required in her majesties name
to apprehend the body of Sarah Prosser
y^e daughter of Isaac Clifford ~~and~~ of Hampton
in y^e Province & her Carry before some one
of her majesties Justices of y^e peace to be by
him bound over to y^e next Sessions there to
answer to her presentm^t. by y^e Grand
Jury for her having a Child soon after
marriage You are also to Summon her
-rich Good midwife of Hampton to appear
at y^e Sessions there to give evidence of
what she knows relating to y^e premises
herof fail not at y^e peace dated y^e 30th
30 of April in 10th year of her majesties Reign
anno^o Domini 1711
Wm. Gambell Esq

1711 April 10 James "Senior" Buys Land "Where His Barn Stands" From
Town Of Hampton (...to hide Sarah??)

(HTR Vol.2 p.91)

April the 10 - 1711
word of the Committee whose names are under written
have agreed that James Driscoll senior shall have
about four acres of Land where his Barn stands
for Eight pound of money for the use of the
Commons of the Town of Hampton of witnesses
our hands this day and years above written

Joseph Chafe } of the
John Stanyan } Committee
John Sanborn }
John Radman }
Joseph Smith }
Samuel Dore }

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1711 April c.31 STILL Can't Find Nobody!

(Family History Library Center, FHLC978285-17845)

In obedience to the writ in warrant I have
maid Sarah after the writ in named persons
but cannot find ~~her~~ ~~her~~ ~~in~~ ~~form~~ ~~that~~ the
John Mollen. Const.

Ward for Sarah Driscoll
of Hampton

1711 June 5 Ah, Come On Sarah, Please Show Up Already! (and you too, Gove)

(Family History Library Center, FHLC978285-17845)

Province of New Hampshire } To the Sheriff of ~~said~~ province
and or Sheriff or Deputy Greeting
You are hereby required in her majesties
name in pursuance to an order of y^e worship-
full and Justice of her majesties generall
quarter sessions of the peace made at
their sessions the 2th June last past
to apprehend the body of Sarah Dwyer
the daughter of Jacob Clifford of Hampton
in N. Province and her Carry Colord some
and of her majesties Justice of y^e peace
to be by him bound over to y^e next s^ession
there to answer to her indictment by y^e
Grand Jury for her having as Chast.
soon after marriage You are also
to Summons Hannah Good Midwife
of Hampton to appear at s^essions
there to give evidence of what she
knows relating to y^e premises heret
fail not Dated Dorchester the 27th July
1711
C. Bond Gambley Esq^r

1711 August 31 FOUND SARAH! But, James And Son Joshua.....

"forcibly rescued [her] out of my custody"!!

(Family History Library Center, FHLC978285-17845)

*Provincer of
Hampshire*

{ Pursuant to the within process I have
apprehended the body of the within named
James Brett w. wife of James Brett
and after I had bound her way forcibly
received out of my custody by James
Brett James Brett & the wife of
John Clifford all of Hampton 31. August 1711
Essex England under their

On Mr. Magistrate's Service

in the County of Hampshire

Hampshire

North

Wm. C. D. M. D.

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1711 September 4 Now, Its GET JAMES For "Rescuing" Sarah From The Sheriff!

(Family History Library Center, FHLC978285-17845)

Province
New Hampshire }
To y^e Constables of Hampton
or to y^e Sher.^t of S. Province
In her May. ty Name you or either of you, on
sight hereof are shilly ordered & Comanded
to Apprehend y^e body of James Deseor
of Hampton & bring him before y^e Hon^{ble}
Quarter Sessions now sitting to answer
y^e Complaint of Stephen England and Sher.^t
for Rescuing out of his Custody Sarah Deseor
y^e wife of Johⁿ. Deseor of Hampton, that he
may be dealt wth as y^e Merit of y^e Case may
determine — Dated in Sessions Town^{sh}. Sep: 4th 1711
Benja^m Gambley Secy

<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/oclc/866708433?availability=Family%20History%20Library>

1711 September 4 Oh, And Don't Forget To Get Sarah, And Joshua, Too.....
And All The Others In This Colonial Soap Opera!

(Family History Library Center, FHL C978285-17845)

Province & To y^e Constables of Hampt
New Hamph^{sh} - or either of them
You are hereby required in her majesties
name to apprehend & bring before
Proscut^r y^e wife of Josh: Proscut^r
and Joshua Proscut^r & y^e wife
of Isaac Clifford & y^e wife
of ~~Isaac~~ Clifford & y^e wife
y^e hon^{ble} & y^e Sessions now sitting
to answer to y^e Compt^r of the
England under Sheriff of the
Sarah Proscut^r out of his hands
Simon also Dick Sandburn
of Hamptn to give said ones
of w^h I know relating to
the p^rmis^s. For m^o 4th Septem
1711
Benjamin

1711 September 5 NOW THE WHOLE BUNCH OF THEM CAN'T BE FOUND.....
only Mrs. Clifford, Sarah's mother. Its now been a year since the
original warrant. They can't possibly be looking too hard!

(Family History Library Center, FHLC978285-17845)

Province of
New Hampshire } In obedience to the Within Warrant, I have made
diligent search for the within named persons the
last night & this morning but cannot find any
of them, but only Israell Clifford wife
Dated September 5: 1711
John moulton Constable
and have also summoned Rich and Simeon

Over and
Over and

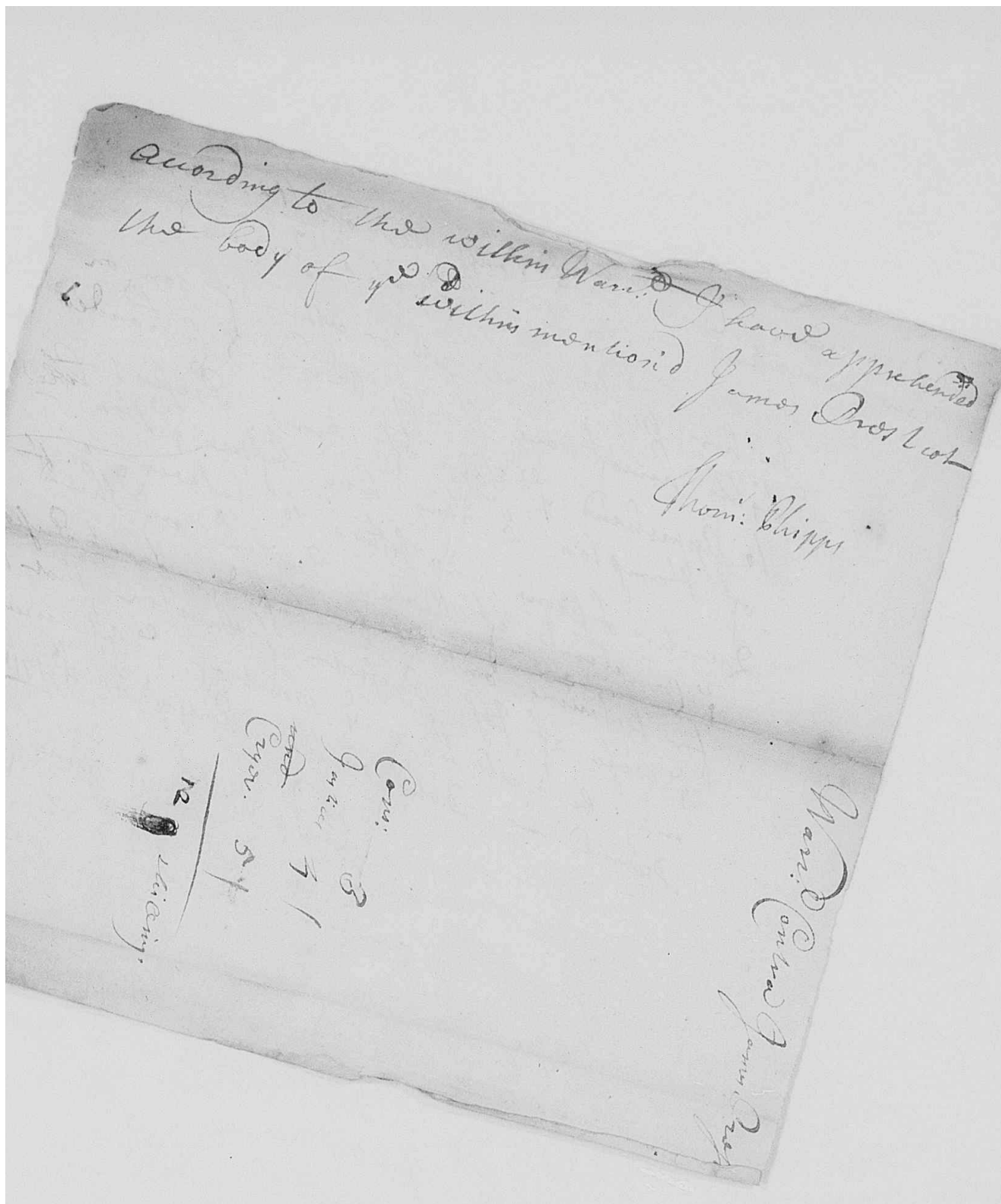
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1711 September(?) FINALLY, They GOT James!

Maybe so, but he protected his family very well to the end.

Fined 12 shillings.

(Family History Library Center, FHLC978285-17845)



1711 Dec. 1 A James Chosen Hampton "Survier" (#4) (Probably Jr. age 40; Sr. is 60+)

(HTR v.2 p.91)

All a Legall meeting of the freholders of Hampton
the 15th day of December 1711

1. Mayor Joseph Smith is Chosen moderator for this meeting voted
2. Samuel Rind and Benjamin Gove are Legally Chosen Constables for the yeare following voted
3. Samuel Rind Josiah Moulton Jun^r. William Samborn /^r Jonathon Philbrick and Nathaniel Bachelder are Chosen for to order the prudentiall affairs of this Towne for the yeare following voted
4. Joshua Wingitt John Gove Jonathon Moulton and James Prescott are Chosen Saviers for the following voted
5. Joseph Moulton and Josiah Samborn are Chosen assessors

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1714 March 9 Reference To James' Kingston Lot

(KINGSTON TOWN RECORDS P. 120, NHSArchives)

Layd out by John Spicer Jonathan Samborn Jr
John Spicer Jonathan Samborn Layd out to 4 Tycht of
March 9th 1714 between the Clouds Lot
James Prescott now John Spicer the Clouds Lot
in a second division bounded and marked
and aback standing upon a right way that leadeth to
Salem and then bearing southerly eight rods
to a birch and then westerly forty rods upon which
way to a hemlock and then northerly eight rods
upon which way to a dead oak and so to 4 first mentioned
bound all 4 bound lines are marked and four
are numbered. Elders ye never more or less as it
was layd out and bounded. At bearing the full of his second
division Layd out by a community Chosen to
Lay out said grant of Land John & widd Joseph Spicer
and Eben Spicer

1715 March 11 Reference To James' Kingston Lot (#11)

(KINGSTON TOWN RECORDS p.160 NHSArchives)

The number of y^e present householders and 160
how they were bound for att^a longall meeting of y^e freholders
of Kingston march 7 11: 1715

Moses Sloper y ^e 23	Sam ^l Estman y ^e 23	Timoth ^l Philbrooke y ^e 15
Thom ^l Sloper y ^e 23	Jacob Gidman y ^e 20	Sam ^l Chaatt y ^e 15
Trustram Sambury y ^e 24	Straden G. Lman y ^e 22	Sam ^l Giddens y ^e 24
Joseph Clifford y ^e 14	John Rucard y ^e 1	Edm ^l Stouens y ^e 24
Sam ^l Juckens y ^e 44	John Biddle y ^e 19	Sam ^l Wensley y ^e 31
John Woodst ^r y ^e 6	Joseph Biddle y ^e 33	Sam ^l Giddens y ^e 20
Nathanael French y ^e 3	John Biddle y ^e 12	Cornelius Lough y ^e 16
Will ^l Long y ^e 15	Nathan Sloper y ^e 22	John Sambury y ^e 32
Simon French y ^e 8	Thom ^l Woodst ^r y ^e 5	John Sloper y ^e 2
Thom ^l Philbrooke y ^e 18	Edm ^l Woodst ^r y ^e 4	Joseph Lough y ^e 10
Thom ^l Philbrooke y ^e 11	Nathan Tailor y ^e 26	Joseph Sanders y ^e 21
		Henry Elkins y ^e 23

1715 March 4 Reference To James' Kingston Lot

(KINGSTON TOWN RECORDS p.92 NHSArchives)

att^a a longall meeting of y^e Inhabited and freholders of Kingston
march 4 fourth 1715
Thom^l Woodst^r and granted to Jonathan Colens hand all y^e Land between
his lot and y^e Lot & was layd out to y^e right of James presided
only leading y^e highway ten rods wide between said Lot of
Joseph Sloper Joseph young
Korshakre Thom^l Gidman
John Biddle John Sloper
enters there John Lough
opposes against this about
recall

1715? (according to p182) Reference To James' Kingston Lot (2nd row, 3rd box)

(KINGSTON TOWN RECORDS P. 181, NHSArchives)

<p>a 181</p> <p>Sam wistly 61 nor west a pind souwest a pind southeast a pind northwest a pind four single shoir</p>	<p>Tom 62 donth norwest a pind souwest a pind southeast a pind northwest a pind and single shoir</p>	<p>Leif John 63 habard to his right norwest a whitt oak souwest a pind southeast a pind northwest a pind four single shoir</p>	<p>David Long 64 norwest a pind souwest a whitt oak northwest a pind southeast a pind four single shoir</p>
<p>them wistly 61 61 norwest a pind oak souwest a pind northwest a pind southeast a pind and single shoir</p>	<p>To 4 right of Graham Elkins norwest a pind souwest a pind southeast a pind northwest a pind and single shoir ye 66 Loott</p>	<p>To 4 right of James prusault norwest a pind souwest a pind southeast a pind northwest a pind and single shoir</p>	<p>Jacob 68 Colman norwest a pind souwest a pind southeast a pind northwest a pind and single shoir</p>

1719? March 24 Reference to James' Kingston Lot

(KINGSTON TOWN RECORDS P. 20, NHSA)

march 24 1719 then Layed out to 4 right of James prusault
first Loott in 4 two hundred and grant Laying upon Exeter
bounded on 4 northest corner and a pind and then running south
and by west 34 Rods to a hemlocke and then west and south thro
willow to a pind and then northest 34 Rods to a pind and then 34
3 miles upon Exeter line to 4 first mentioned bounder all 4 bounder
are marked and sound firs and numbered and two hundred and
word or less as it was Layed out and bounded by us a Community Chosen
to Lay out said grant of Land John Hifford Jonathan Sanborn and
Joseph young

1719 March 27 Reference to James' Kingston Lot ("first")

(KINGSTON TOWN RECORDS P.137, NHSA)

137 The number of 4 Loott in 4 two hundred and grant and bound
they were drawn for when they were drawn for and they
were Layed out by us the subscribers march 27 1719
by us a Community Chosen to Lay out said grant John Hifford
Jonathan Sanborn Joseph young Jacob Gilman Ben Stevens
To 4 right of James prusault first
Joseph Hifford 4 second
John Hifford 4 1st
4 minutes Sam Hifford 16
John Hifford 4 19 Sam Hifford 31

1719 January 12 James And Son Joshua Sell Property "In Which We Live".....
 Probably The Whole Original Homestead (Now Applecrest)
 Excepting James Jr.'s Small Parcel (note their wives as witnesses)

(Rockingham County NH Registry Of Deeds, Bk11 P266)

Prescott
 to
 Tilton

Know all men by these presents that we
 James ^{Joshua Prescott} Prescott of Hampton in the province
 of Newhampsh^r in New England yeoman for &
 in consideration of the sum of two hundred and
 Seventy pounds money to us in hand paid by Jethro
 Tilton of the above S^d Town and Province Yeo=
 =man whereof we the said James Prescat and
 Joshua Prescott do acknowledg the Receipt and
 our selves therewith fully Sattisfied and Con=
 =tentd and paid Have Give granted Bargained
 Sold Alianated and Confirmed to him the said Je=
 =thro Tilton and unto his heirs Exec^t, Admini=
 =strators and Assigns for Ever our Estates and
 Each of our Estates that are Real and unmove=
 =able Lying and being in Hampton above S^d
 Viz:) our House Lott Dwelling houses in which
 we now live, together with the barn Shop Cyder
 Mill and all Other Edifices what ever on said
 Land together with all fences ffencing-stuf Or=
 =chards and other Trees bushes under bushes and
 springs there to belonging or in any wise ap=
 =pertaining which S^d Lott of Land contains twenty

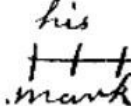

Twenty four Acres be the same more or Less which
was granted to me the above Said James Prescott
and Laid out by the Town of Hampton as appears
more fully upon the Records of the Said Town of
Hampton which Said Lott we the Said James and
Joshua Prescott doe Sell Alinate and Convey and Con-
firm to the above Said Jethro Tillton and his heirs
as above Excepting one Acre of Said Lott of Land
which is already disposed of to James Prescott Junr
before the Enfealing of these presents as the fence
now stands, The remainder of which Said Lott of
Land is in the Townshipp of Hampton in the Province
of Newhampsh^r and is ^{Butted to} bounded as followeth westerly up-
on the Country Road going to Exeter Easterly upon the
Common Northerly upon a private high way that leads
down to Bachelors farm Southerly upon James Prescott
Junr's Land as it now lyeth within fence with all y^e
Priviledges and appurtenances belonging thereto for
the Said Jethro Tillton To have ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{hold} and Peaceably
Enjoy the above ~~the~~ Lott of Land of twenty ^{four} Acres (the
acre above Excepted sold to James Prescott Junr out of
the Said Lott) with all the Priviledges and Edifices ~
now on Said Land together with all Trees Orchards fence-
es fencing stuff brush underbrush & Springs with all
other priviledges and appurtenances thereto belong-
ing And we the Said James Prescott and Joshua Prescott
doe declare the above ~~the~~ Land and buildings there-
on with their priviledges and appurtenances are ~


free and Clear from all other Gifts Grants Sales Ali-
 =nations or any other Encumbrances in the Law what-
 =soever And we the Said James Prescott and Joshua Do
 affirm that we are the true owners of the above
 bargained Premises and that we have good
 and Lawfull Right to make Sale thereof at the
 time of Enfealling hereoff so that the Said bargain-
 =ed Premises shall be and Remaine to the Sole &
 Proper use of the Said Jethro Tilton his heirs Exec^{ts}
 Adm^t, or Assigns for Ever as a free Sure and Absolute
 Estate of Inheritance In fee Simple for Ever and we
 the Said James Prescott and Joshua Prescott for our

Our Selves our heirs Executors and Administrators
 do promise Covenant and Engage to defend the above
 bargained premises against all Maner of person
 or person whatsoever Laying Lawfull claime thereto
 In Wittness and Confirmation of all which we the
 Said James and Joshua Prescott have hereunto Set
 our hands and Affix't our Seals this twelfth day
 of January and in the 6th Year of King George's
 Reigne Anno q³ Dom: 1719: // 20: ~~~~~

In Presence of these Wittneses

Joseph Tilton
 James Prescott

James ^{his}  Prescott 

N: B: It is to be noted y^t Joshua Prescott 
 The Interlines between the 9th & 10 line
 & 13th - & 14th - & 27 & 28th Line were
 wrote before Enfealing those Mentis

as attested by Same Witnesses ~)

Province of New Hampshire

James Prescott Named on the other Side Personally appeared this 26th Day of January 1719²⁰ & acknowledged within Written Instrument on the other Side to be his ^{free and} Voluntary Act and Deed and Mary his Wife also appeared at y^e Same time wth her husband and gave up her power of things and Right of Dowrie in all the Estate Mentioned on the other Side

before me - Peter Weare Justice of Peace

Province of New Hampshire

Joshua Prescott named on the other Side Personally appeared this 27th Day of January 1719²⁰ & acknowledged the within written instrument on the other Side to be his free & Voluntary Act and Deed and Sarah his wife also appeared at the Same time with her husband and gave up her power of things and Right of Dowrie in all the Estate mentioned on the other Side. before me

Peter Weare Justice of Peace

Entered and Recorded according to the Originall
this 1st of March 1719/20 Sam^l Penhallow.
Recorder

1720 April 20 James & Son Joshua "Sign" Document Deciding On Kingston Minister

(KINGSTON TOWN RECORDS, NHSA)

To the Council of ministers and messengers met in
 Kingston Wednesday April 20th 1720 grace & peace be multiplied
 Down & Beloved as you are this day met together on purpose
 of giving a final determination betwixt the Rev^d Mr John Graham
 & the Inhabitants of this town it is our hearty and unfeigned desire
 that god would endue each seat of you with such a spirit of discerning
 as may produce a final Judicial sentence that may be for the glory
 of god the relieving of decayed & broken amongst us & the comforting
 of our languishing souls and what ever your Councill may be we
 shall take it as from the mouth of god wherefore if you shall find
 just cause against Mr Graham which should not be settled here
 we shall no longer endeavor his abode with us but shall leave our
 selves first to god & next to your prayers and good advice
 for another minister But if your Councill shall clear Mr Graham
 or dismiss just cause why he should be either disposed
 or dismissed we shall freely willingly and heartily embrace
 the said Mr Graham and proceed to Establish him amongst
 us as soon as the said Councill shall see good to appoint
 as witness our hands April 20 1720

Ichabod Robby
 John Sanborn
 John Robby
 Cornelius Clough
 Joseph Clough
 Serlem Rossell
 Samuel Sanborn
 John Lind
 Tristram Sanborn
 Richard Elliot
 Moses Skyles
 James Frost
 Joshua Frost
 John & Den

John Sanborn
 John Woodman
 John Woodman
 Thomas Dent
 Jacob Blamers
 Joseph Frost
 John May

1720 April 25 Reference to James' Kingston Lot (1st box)

(KINGSTON TOWN RECORDS P.169, NHSA; excerpted)

169. The number of y^e Lots for y^e said donation of Land next
 to the said 139th lot and how they were
 drawn for at our Saggad Commis meeting held in
 Kingston April 25th 1720 and layed out April 25th 1720

John Clough	Joseph Hiss	Nathan French	Thos 4 wood
1st lot	2nd lot	3rd lot	4th lot
James 19 p ^{ers} ent nor west a back south west a back north west a back south west a back one single shire	Edm 5 p ^{ers} ent nor west a back south west a back north west a back south west a back four single shires	1st lot to John south west a back south west a back north west a back south west a back four single shires	1st lot to John nor west a back south west a back north west a back south west a back four single shires

1721 June 25 Reference to James' Kingston Lot (3rd box)

(KINGSTON TOWN RECORDS P.200, NHSA; excerpted)

The account and number of y^e Lots for y^e said donation of Land next
 to the said 139th lot and how they were drawn for at our Saggad Commis meeting held in
 Kingston June 25th 1721

1st lot to John wood of Sagadahoc bounded north west to a back north west to a back south west to a back south west to a back four single shires	1st lot to right Timothy Pritchard bounded north west to a back north west to a back south west to a back south west to a back four single shires	1st lot to right of James Pritchard bounded north west to a back north west to a back south west to a back south west to a back four single shires	1st lot to right of James Pritchard bounded north west to a back north west to a back south west to a back south west to a back four single shires
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1723 c. May 6 Reference to James' Kingston Lot (1st box)

(KINGSTON TOWN RECORDS P.137, NHSA)

1st lot to the right of James Pritchard bounded as followeth one north west a back one south west a back one south west a back one north west a back one single shire	1st lot to the right of James Pritchard bounded as followeth one north west a back one south west a back one south west a back one north west a back one single shire	1st lot to the right of James Pritchard bounded as followeth one north west a back one south west a back one south west a back one north west a back one single shire	1st lot to the right of James Pritchard bounded as followeth one north west a back one south west a back one south west a back one north west a back one single shire
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1724 January 15 James ("of Kingstown") Sells Some Kingston Land

<https://nhintlarredo.fidlar.com/NHRockingham/AvaWeb/#/search>

(Rockingham County Registry Of Deeds bk.14 p.634)

634 Know all men by these Presents of James Prescott of Kingstown in y^e Province
of New Hampshire in New England Yeoman - for & in Consideration of six pounds five
shillings in money to me in hand paid by Robert Row of Hampton in y^e Province of
New Hampshire yeoman for which I acknowledge my self fully satisfied Contented
& paid & do acquit & discharge y^e Robert Row his heirs Executors & Administrators for ever from
any further Demand - Have given granted Bargained & sold & by these presents -
do give grant Bargain alien Enfeoff & confirm unto y^e Robert Row his heirs
Executors Administrators assigns five acres of Land lying & being in Kingstown in
the East Division in y^e fiftieth lot in y^e Division bounded to Hampton line on y^e
East & John Webster on y^e South & John Prescott on y^e North to take one halfe of the
breadth of y^e fiftieth lot in y^e Division - y^e South Part thereof from Hampton line
untill y^e five acres are Compleated & finished this five acres of Land as above -
bounded with all Wood timber Water Streames Stens Springs & Every thing on y^e Land
with all y^e appurtenances Priviledges Profits & comodities there unto belonging or
in any kind appertaining to y^e same - I Enfeoff & confirm unto y^e Robert Row
his heirs Executors Administrators assigns for him & thom To Have & to Hold -

(excerpted)

Warrant Secure & defend y^e same for y^e Row's heirs Executors against
all y^e Claimes or demands of any persons or parsons whatso ever - & for the
Confirmation of all above written. In y^e James Prescott have herunto set
my hand & seal y^e fiftieth day of January in y^e Eleventh year of y^e Reign
of our Sovereign Lord George by y^e Grace of God King Our Great Britain
france & Ireland Defender of y^e faith &c. Anno Domini: 1724/5

Signed Sealed & Delivered:--

In Presents of us Witnesses

Peter Weare

Peter Weare Junr

in mark +++ & Seal (Seal)
of James Prescott

I Proctor of New Hampshire

The above named James Prescott personally appeared
y^e 15th day of January 1724/5 & acknowledged his hand
& seal & y^e above written Instrument to be his free &
voluntary act & Deed before me

Peter Weare Justice of peace

Entered & Recorded according to y^e Original

y^e 19th of July 1726

for Munking Record

(KINGSTON TOWN RECORDS P.239)

<https://nhintlaredo.fidlar.com/NHRockingham/AvaWeb/#!/search>

82 Township of Kingstown above Containing Sixteen Acres & three quarters in price of Land is part of 1/5 fifteenth lot In 1/4 East division so Call'd it is Bound'd by fol: Loweth on 1/4 East wth my Land & on 1/4 North wth my Land & on 1/4 West wth a highway on 1/4 South wth 1/4 Land of In^o Webster or however otherwise Bound'd or Repur^d to be Bound'd together wth al^l rights privileges & Appurten^{ts} unto 1/4 Same Belonging or In any kind Appertaining to 1/4 Same wth al^l Timber wood trees or underwood growing Standing or Being upon 1/4 Same TO HAVE & TO HOLD 1/4 above mention'd & Bound'd Sixteen Acres & three quarters of Land as afores^d & al^l other 1/4 p^{ro}mises unto him 1/4 I Set L^{et} Webster & unto his heirs Ex^{ec} Adm^{rs} & Assigns to his & their own proper use Benefit & Behoof forever wth out 1/4 least let Hindrance denial Eviction or Ejection of me 1/4 I am Prescut my heirs Ex^{ec} Adm^{rs} or Assigns or any other p^{ro}son or p^{ro}son wthsoever In Witness hereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal this 15th day of Apr^{il} An^o Dom^o 1725 & In 1/4 11th year of our Sovereign Lord George by 1/4 grace of GOD of Great Britain France & Ireland King Defend^t of 1/4 faith &c — — —
Sign Seal & Imp^{re}ssence of us James I Prescut ^{his} ^{mark} (seal)
Sam^l Blake } Pro^o N^o Hampsh^{ire} 1/4 above Named —
Luther Morgan } James Prescut p^{ro}foundly Appear^s this 22nd day of Apr^{il} 1726 &

Same Day, 1725 April 15 James "of Hampton" (make up your mind) Sells
Kingston Land; On 1729 Dec. 26, Witness' Swear They
Saw James Sr. Sign The Original.

(Rockingham County NH Registry Of Deeds bk.17 p.37)

Know all men by these presents that I James Prescott of Hampton In & Pro^{ce}
of N-Hampsh^{re} In N-Engl^{and} Laborer for & In Consideration of forty pounds
money or of value thereof to me in hand paid or secured to be paid by Luther
Morgan of Hampton In & Afores^{aid} Pro^{ce} of N-Hampsh^{re} In N-Engl^{and} for & I
do Acknowledge my selfe fully satisfi^d Content^d & do Acquitt & Discharge
& s^r Luther Morgan from Any further demand have given grant bargain
Sold & by these presents do fully freely & Absolutely give grant bargain sell
Alien Enfeoff & Confirm unto & s^r Luther Morgan his heirs & assigns a certain
piece of Land w^{ith} in & Township of Hampton In & Afores^{aid} Pro^{ce} of N-Hampsh^{re}
In N-Engl^{and} Containing twenty five Acres w^{ith} piece of Land is part of
two lots In & East Division In Kingston namely Eight Acres & a quarter
out of —

excerpted

of his Successors to have use Occupy possess & Enjoy & & promises as their own —
proper right of Inheritance In fee simple forever together w^{ith} all & privileges &
Appurtenances thereunto belonging According to & tenour of this Instrum^{ent} Above^s
In Witness w^hereof I & s^r James Prescott have hereunto set my hand & seal this
fifteenth day of Aprill An^{no} Domⁱⁿⁱ one thousand seven hundred twenty five & in
the Eleventh year of King George his Reign over great Brittain &c. — — —
Sign Seal & D^y James I Prescott — (seal)
In presence of us } Pro^{ce} of New Hampsh^{re} Decem^r 26th 1729 Sam^l Prescott & Jeremy
Sam^l Blake & Webster both personally Appeared before me & Subscriber and
Jeremy Webster made Oath & they Saw James Prescott Sign & Seal & Deliver &
the written Instrum^{ent} w^{ith} his own hand
Enter & Record According to Jon^s Sanbun Jus^{ts} of p^l
to & Orig^{inal} & 2 feb^r 1729/30 & Josh^{ua} Peirce Record^{er} —

1725 September 12 James Transfers To Kingston Church From Hampton Falls Church According To Rev. Cotton Notes

History of Hampton Falls, p.26; excerpted)

Sept. 12 1725 Application being made by James Prescott Sen. & Jonathan Sanborn Jr & Eben Sleeper, Deborah Clifford, Mehitable

HISTORY OF CHURCH AND PARISH.

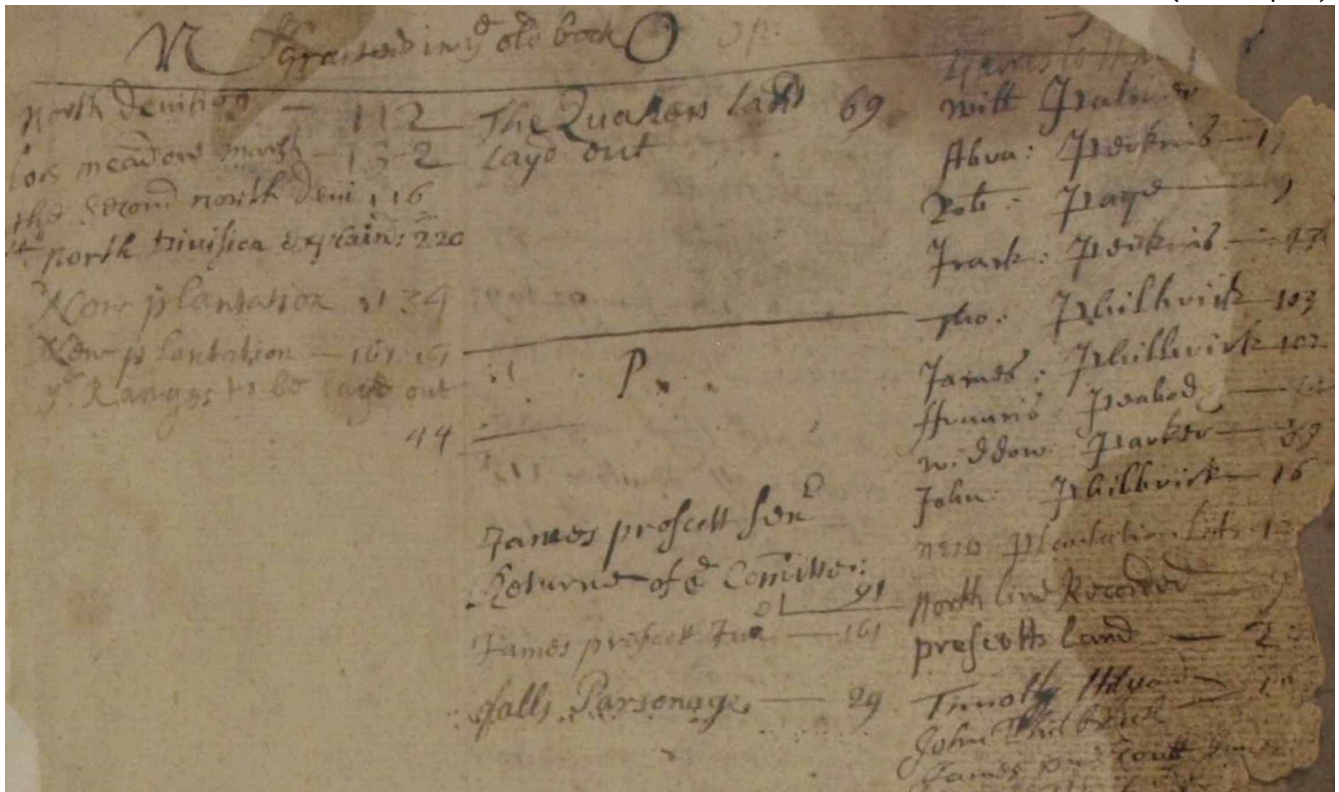
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Sanborn & Margaret Sanborn now *Sleeper* for a Dismission from this Chh.—In order to be Incorporated Into a Chh. Estate at Kingston Accordingly were Dismissed by our Chh. & James Prescott having Rediscust wth by myself and 2 of the Brethren of the Chh. About the forging of a writing formerly lay^d to his charge, In part as having some hand in itt, or being privy to itt—Gave Such Satisfaction abt that matter that he was readily Dismist also as well as the other 5 for the ends & Reasons above specified.

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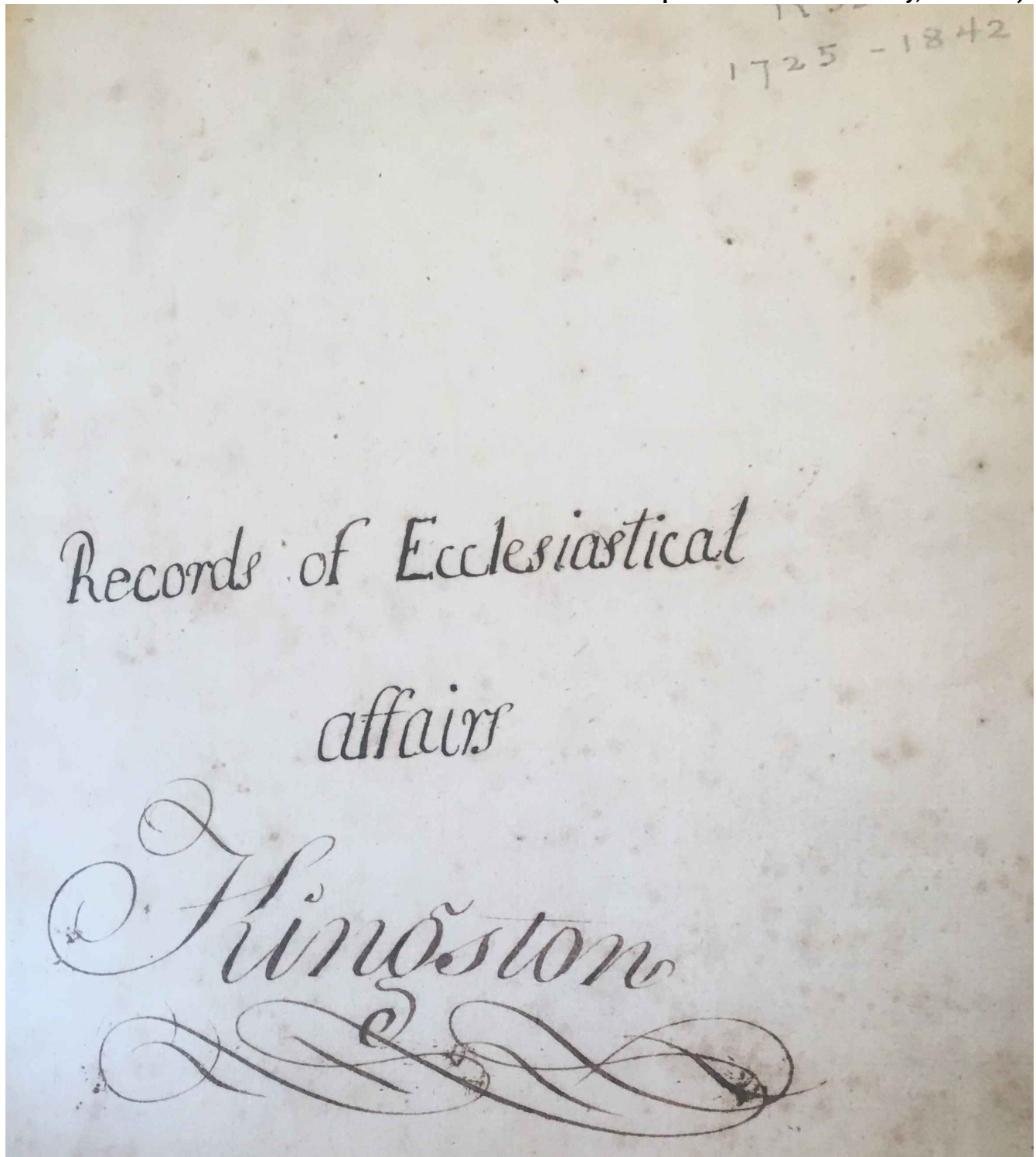
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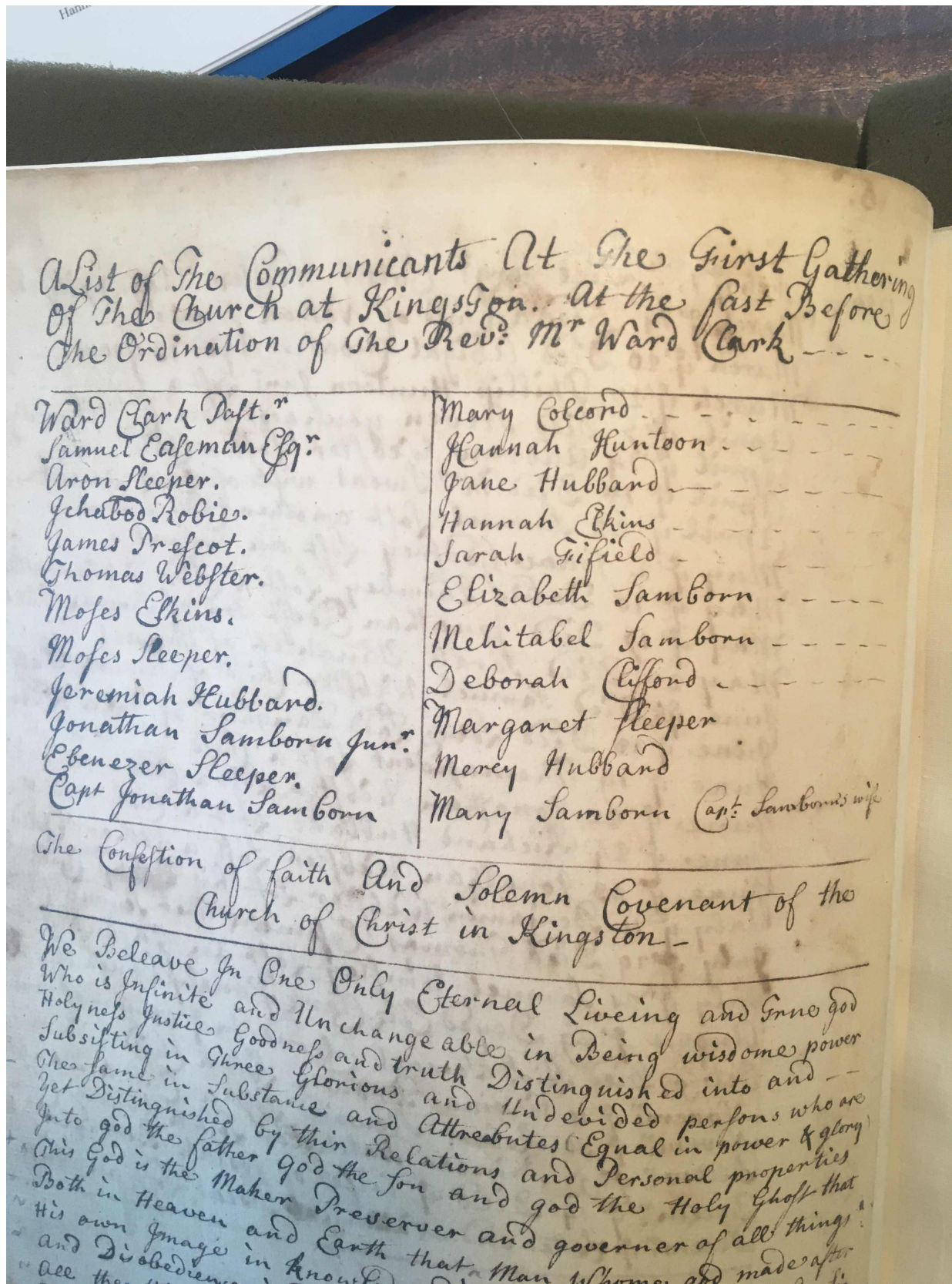
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THE KINGSTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Founded 1725

(New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord)

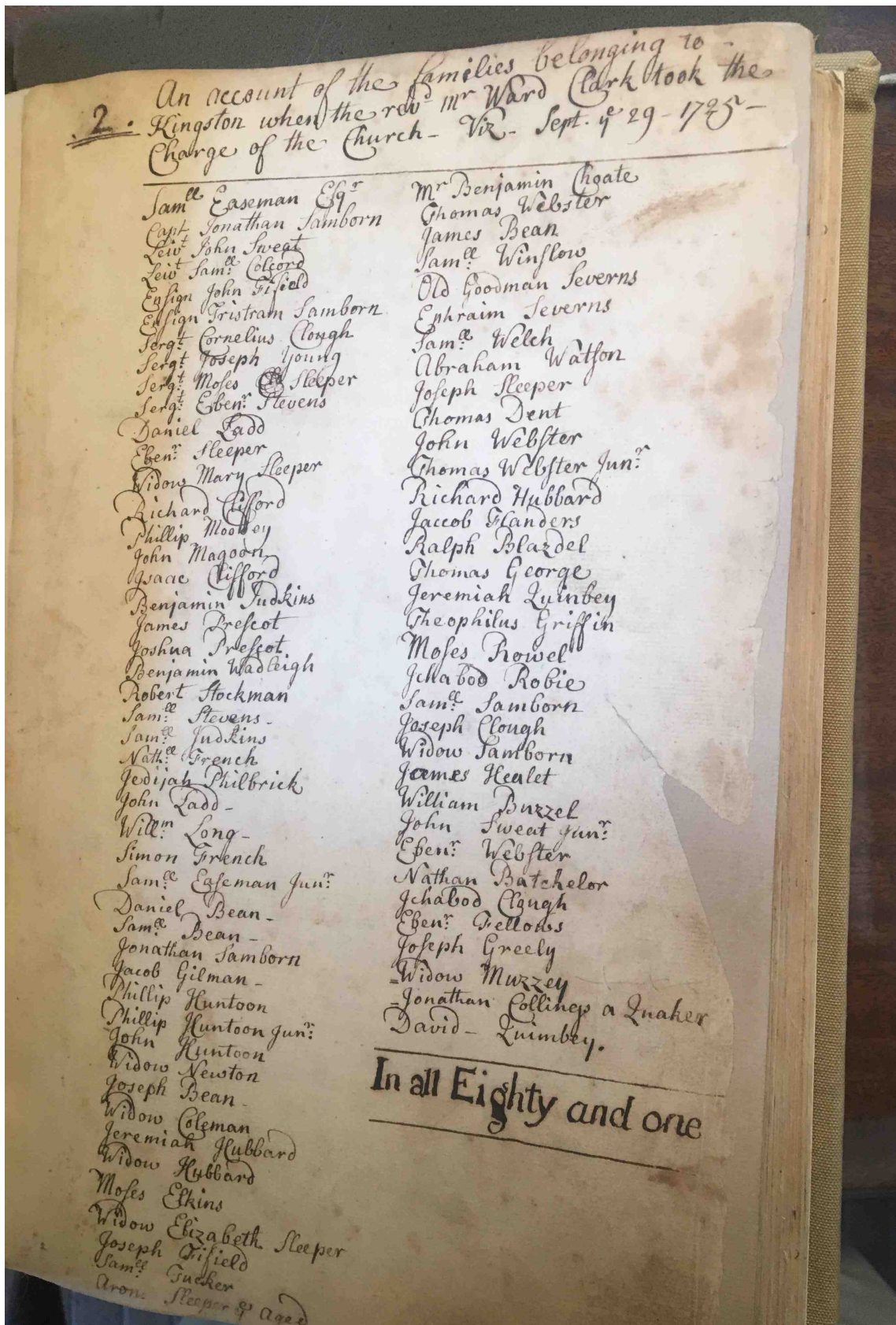


1725 September 29(?) James At First Kingston Church Meeting



NB: The above Thomas Webster is the famous Daniel Webster's Great Great Grandfather.

1725 September 29 James And Son Joshua On Kingston Church Roster



so that the said Grant may take effect according to the true intent and meaning thereof—And your Petitioners as in Duty bound shall Ever pray &c—

Eben ^r Stevens	} Select Men of Kings-
Jedidiah Philbrick	
John Hunton	
	town & in
	behalf of said Town

[5-241] [Precept for an Election, 1710.]

Province of New Hampsh^r

to the Constable of Kings Town you are in Her majestys Name Required to Convean the free boulder of your Town together on munday the 28 day of this Instant august at two of y^e clock in y^e afternoon: and being So meet you make Choyce of a meet person Qualified according to Law: to RepreSent your Town in Generall Assembly to Sitt att portsmouth the and y^t you Certifie the person so Chosen to the assembly at the time abovesaid—for which this Shall be your Warrant—

Dated August 24: 1710—

[5-242] *Kingston Mens Names Sworn to K 9 2^d: 1727.*

Samll Judkins	Ichabod Clough	Eben ^r fellows
Nathll french	Jonathan Sanborn	Joshua prescutt
Joseph Welch	Moses Sleeper	Elish winslow
Simon french	Daniel Giles	John webstr
Joseph Elkins	Theop. Griffin	Eben ^r Sleper
John young	William Long	philep Row
Sam ^l Webster	Ralph Blasdel	Isac Greeffen
John Gillman	Nathan Batchelder	Daniel Been
Sam ^l Tucker	Sam ^l Welch	Sam ^l Been
Eben ^r Webster	Nathanaell Rundlet	Jonathan Lauerence
Ephraim Severens	John Lad	Jonathan Choatt
Nathan Prescott	Jeremy Webster	philip hunton
Luther Morgan	Benjam Choatt	Elish Swett
Phinehas Batchelder	Sam ^l Colcord	Daniell Gillman
Benj judkins	James prescutt	Sam ^l Robe
Sam ^l Colcord	Ichabod Robe	Josiah batchelder

1728 November 23

JAMES PRESCOTT, Senior

R.I.P.

Death Entry In Kingston Ecclesiastic Affairs

(New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord)

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An Account of the Deaths in y^e Rev: M^r W^m Car^{ter}

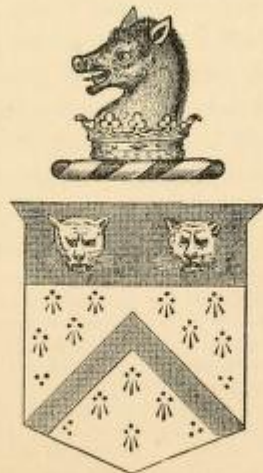
1725- Jonathan Collings a Quaker Died October y^e 15- 1725 -
Mary Samborn a Child Died Feb^r 19- 1725/6 -
Samuel Esfeman Esq^r Died Feb^r y^e 27 - - - -
1726- Jacob Glanders Had a Child w^h Died May y^e 16- 1726 -
Abner Esfeman Sam^l's Wife Died August y^e 8 - - - -
Benjamin Webster Had a w^h Oct^r y^e 26 - - - -
1727- M^{rs} Morrill Jacobs Wife Died Aug^t y^e 20 - 1727 -
Joseph Cough Had a Child Died Sep^t y^e 9 - - - -
M^{rs} Hillard Died Sep^t 14 - Aged 71 - Year - - - -
Ensign Gruftram Samborn Had a Child w^h Died Sep^t 23 -
1728- Capt. Chandler Died Decem^r 24 after a very Long and
April e

November y^e 6- 1728 William Webster son of Ebenezer Died
Novem^r y^e 23 James Prefut an Aged father Died
Novem^r 29 Benjamin Webster Had a Child Died
Samuel Lock a Child

SO, WHERE *DID* JAMES PRESCOTT REALLY COME FROM?

There actually has been a considerable amount of research and speculation.

THE
PRESCOTT MEMORIAL,
PART SECOND,
BEING A
GENEALOGICAL MEMOIR
OF
James Prescott,
OF 1665,
AND HIS DESCENDANTS.



tion for a genealogical record of the family. But by this time he had learned, that so far as he had yet been able to ascertain, there appeared to be two separate and distinct emigrants by the name of Prescott, one by the name of *John* who came to Boston and Watertown, Mass., in 1640, and another by the name of *James*, first heard of at Hampton, N. H., in 1665. The question at once suggested itself, in what relation of consanguinity did those emigrants stand to each other? While some alleged that they were near akin, others were of the opinion that their relationship was remote.

This discrepancy of opinion induced the author to institute a thorough and searching inquiry into the history and *ancestry* as well as *descendants* of each, for the purpose of ascertaining, if practicable, whether they were of the *same* or of *different* branches of the name, before coming to America.

But all researches in this country having failed to elicit facts sufficient to settle that question, the author was induced to make an effort to obtain the desired and sought for information from England, their native country, and he has been so fortunate as ultimately to succeed in his efforts. By the kindness of F. W. Prescott, Esq., of Brookline, Mass., a Genealogical Chart was obtained, which gave the lineal descent of John Prescott, who came to Massachusetts in 1640, from James Prescott of Standish, in Lancashire, Eng., who was required by an order of Queen Elizabeth, dated Aug., 1564, to keep in readiness horsemen and armor. From *this* James, *John* of Watertown and Lancaster, Mass., was of the *fourth* generation, through his second son, *Roger*, and grandson, *Ralph*.

The oldest son of the above James was James, Jr., who married Alice Mollineaux. By sending to England for a further investigation, the author has ascertained that James Prescott, that emigrated to America and settled at Hampton, N. H., was also a descendant of James, senior, by wife Standish, from whom he was of the *fifth* generation, and the *fourth* generation from James, Jr., and Alice, through their son *John*, and grandson *James*, as will be more fully illustrated and explained in the genealogical arrangement, hereafter. By the above it will be seen that both John of Massachusetts and James of New Hampshire were descendants of James, senior, by wife Standish, and that Roger, the grandfather of John, was a brother to James, Jr., the great-grandfather of James of New Hampshire, making John of Massachusetts a second

cousin to James, the father of James the emigrant to New Hampshire. We have been thus particular, for the reason that the subject of their

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relationship has so long been involved in uncertainty, and has been made a subject of deep and earnest inquiry.

An opinion has obtained and prevails among many of the descendants of the emigrant, John Prescott of Massachusetts, that he was the veritable Sir John Prescott, son of Alexander of London, and who was Knight and Lord of the Manor of Radwinton in Essex, and of Bromley in Kent Counties. But Sir John (who also was a descendant of James, senior, by wife Standish, through their fifth son, William, and grandson Alexander of London) died in 1640, the identical year in which John, the emigrant, came to Massachusetts, leaving no son, but two daughters, co-heiresses, so that, upon his death, the male line in his branch became extinct. As Sir John was of the fourth generation from James, senior, he was alike the second cousin to the emigrant *John* and to *James*, the father of the *emigrant James*.

<https://archive.org/stream/prescottmemorialoopres#page/n10/mode/1up>

(As cousin to John Prescott of Massachusetts, James would be the Great Grand Uncle to Col. William "Don't Fire 'till You See The Whites Of Their Eyes" Prescott of Bunker Hill.)

Much of these same assertions and genealogical research are found in....

THE PARENTAGE OF
JOHN PRESCOTT OF LANCASTER
MASSACHUSETTS
1645
AND OF
JAMES PRESCOTT OF HAMPTON
AND KINGSTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
BY
FREDERICK LEWIS WEIS, TH.D.

DUBLIN
NEW HAMPSHIRE
1959

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...AND The Lincolnshire Pedigrees by Canon and Maddison (1904)

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BUT IN 1988, ALL PREVIOUS CONCLUSIONS ARE REFUTED:

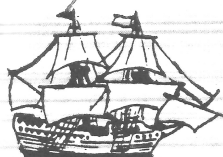
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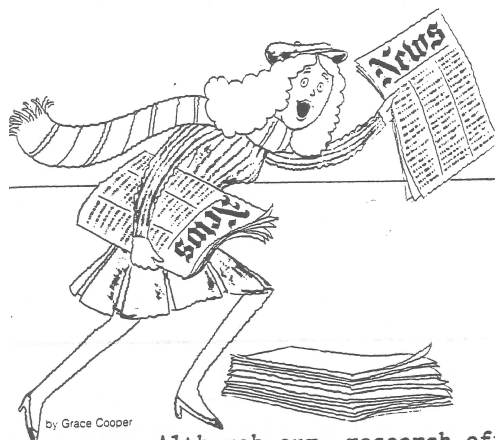
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by Grace Cooper

BREAK-THROUGH ON THE ENGLISH ANCESTRY OF JAMES PRESCOTT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In brief:

James Prescott Sr., and his wife
Mary Copeland, were not the
parents of James who came to
New Hampshire about 1665, settled in Hampton
and married Mary Boulter, daughter of
Nathaniel and Grace (Swain) Boulter.

A report has just been received from Adell
Prescott of North Carolina, in collaboration
with Dawnell H. Griffin of Utah which finally
lays forth the documentation for the above.

Although our research efforts in the London area have been focused primarily on John Prescott of Virginia, our greatest find to date relates to the questioned accuracy of the parentage of James Prescott of New Hampshire as published in Lincolnshire Pedigrees [Vol. III, pp. 797-798], in The Prescott Memorial [p. 226] by Dr. William Prescott, and in numerous works by Frederick Weis. Both Prescott and Weis accepted Lincolnshire Pedigrees as an indisputable fact and seem unknowingly to have perpetuated what now appears to have been an inaccuracy. Under "Prescott of Driby," Lincolnshire Pedigrees states that James Prescott of Driby and Heighington was the son of John Prescott of Driby and grandson of James Prescott and Alice Molyneux, that he married Mary Copeland who was the daughter of John Copeland of Ross of Herefordshire or of London, that he had four children living in 1634: John, Margaret, Anne, and James, that he died at Washingborough June 1639, and that his son James emigrated to New Hampshire. It is certainly understandable that these statements would be questioned if for no other reason than the fact that 1643 is the accepted birth year of James Prescott of New Hampshire and James Prescott of Driby and Heighington had been dead four years by 1643.

The wills of John Copeland, his widow Elizabeth Copeland, and their grandson James Prescott establish the fact that James Prescott, son of Mary Copeland Prescott, died not in New Hampshire in 1728 but in England in 1671:

The will of John Copeland of the Parish of St. Pancras, Soper Lane, London, was dated 7 December 1657 and proven May 1659. The following people were mentioned: Elizabeth, my loving wife; my daughter Mary Prescott; Mary Copeland at New Castle, oldest daughter of Mary Prescott; Ann Prescott, second daughter of Mary Prescott; Barbarh Prescott, youngest daughter of Mary Prescott; John Prescott, oldest son of Mary Prescott; James Prescott, youngest son of Mary Prescott; Elizabeth Davenport, daughter of my second wife Ann; John Davenport, oldest son of my second wife Ann; William Davenport, youngest son of my second wife Ann; my cousin West, the wife of Robert West; my cousin Mary Bridgman; my cousin Susan West, my cousin Mabell West; my cousin Anne Lewes, sister to my cousin West; John Lewes, son of my cousin Anne Lewes; William Lewes, son of my cousin Anne Lewes; and John, William, and Elizabeth Davenport, children of John Davenport and Elizabeth his wife who was daughter



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**Was James Prescott of Hampton, New Hampshire (in 1665),
the Son of Sir William and Margaret (Babington) Prescott (bp. 1637/8),
for Whom an Arrest Warrant Was Issued in 1659/60?**

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I will argue in this article that the answer to the question posed in the title is Yes: There is new evidence that strongly suggests that James Prescott of Hampton, New Hampshire, was a previously unknown son of William Prescott (often called Sir William) and his wife Margaret Babington; and that after a warrant was issued for James' apprehension in 1659/60, when he was, say, 22 years old, he came to America. He appeared in what was then Hampton, Massachusetts (now New Hampshire) at the age of, say, 27, married well, and lived to be an "aged father" (i.e., 90) at the time of his death in 1728. As the son of two socially prominent parents, James Prescott of New Hampshire and his immediate family in America would have had good reason to suggest that he was the son of another Prescott – his father's brother, James Prescott. This masquerade was carried off successfully until well into the twentieth century. The evidence that I have found is not perfect, but I believe it enables us to create a credible new scenario for the ancestry and early years of James Prescott of Hampton, New Hampshire.

Prescott!! The name has a cachet. It evokes images of heroism and scholarship – of a blue-blooded, wealthy old New England family, and perhaps a whiff of English nobility. Think of Dr. Samuel Prescott, who rode with Paul Revere, and died as a result of this service; and of his cousin, Colonel William Prescott, who was second in command to General Israel Putnam – "Old Put" – at Bunker Hill. Or of the colonel's grandson, William Hickling Prescott, the great historian and author of *The Conquest of Mexico* and *The Conquest of Peru*, for whom Prescott, Arizona, was named. And think of Senator Prescott Bush, father of President George H.W. Bush and grandfather of President George W. Bush. (The surname of the family was spelled many ways in the sixteenth, seventeenth, and early eighteenth century, but in this paper the modern spelling – Prescott – will be used except when quoting from original documents in which it is spelled differently. Other spellings are Prescod, Prescut, Prescott, and Prescottte.)

When my great-great-great grandparents named one of their sons Prescott Putnam Archibald, they memorialized their connections to two notable Early American families, although what they believed about their ancestors was incomplete, and in some respects, was surely wrong. For in the late twentieth century, the long-held belief that the Prescotts of New England were descendants of English royalty was shown to be unproved and probably incorrect.

For more than 120 years, it was stated and re-stated that the James Prescott who appeared in what is now Hampton, New Hampshire, in 1665, who married Mary Boulter, and died in 1728, was the James Prescott Jr., son of James and Margaret (Copeland) Prescott of Driby, Lincolnshire, England.^[1] This James Prescott Sr. of Driby was the grandson of Sir James Prescott and Alice Molyneux – whose ancestors included several Sureties of the Magna Charta as well as King John – and he was the great-grandson of James Prescott of Standish, Lancashire, and Alice Standish.^[2] But in 1992, it was reported that James Prescott Jr. of Driby did not settle in New Hampshire.^[3] Instead, James Prescott Jr. left Driby to become a mariner; he then returned to England and settled in London, where he became a citizen and a carpenter and where he died in 1671, leaving a widow, Hannah, who might be “with child.”^[4] The will written by James Prescott Jr. of Driby confounded those who had thought he was the James Prescott who emigrated to New Hampshire. Shaken by this finding, genealogists also re-evaluated the long-held assertion that the John Prescott who was an early settler of Watertown, Massachusetts, was from Lancashire, and that he was a second cousin of James Prescott Jr. of Driby. (John of Watertown is the ancestor of the notable Prescotts listed in the second paragraph of this paper.) Indeed, it is now considered unproved and unlikely that the John Prescott who came to Massachusetts was the John Prescott (bapt. 1604/5), son of Ralph, grandson of Roger, and great-grandson of James Prescott of Standish, Lancashire, and Alice Standish.^[5] Students of Prescott genealogy agree that there is no information presently in print that links either James Prescott of New Hampshire or John Prescott of Massachusetts to any specific Prescott in England.

I discovered this perplexing situation in 2003, when I began to study my own Prescott ancestry. Having had good luck in a previous joint endeavor in which I worked with a member of the Association of Genealogists and Researchers in Archives (AGRA) in the U.K., I located a member of the AGRA who agreed to see if she could locate the parents of James Prescott, the Emigrant, of Hampton, New Hampshire. I decided to start the search in Lincolnshire, because it was clear from reading William Prescott's *Prescott Memorial* that there were a lot of Prescotts in that county in the seventeenth century, and perhaps “my” James was the descendant of another one of them. My consultant was Suzanne L. Mendel, B.A. (hons), AGRA, of Lincolnshire.^[6] I am pleased to report that by working together in this trans-Atlantic project, we have achieved a modest degree of success. We found two sightings of a previously unknown but plausible candidate in England to be considered as being the “James Prescott of Hampton, New Hampshire.” The two sightings are:

James Prescott, son of (Sir) William Prescott and Margaret Babington, who was baptized at Rearsby, Leicestershire, on 4 Feb 1637/8.^[7]

James Prescott appears on 11 Feb 1659/60 in the list of warrants to apprehend, in the same volume of *State Papers* as the warrants for two of his uncles, which were issued on 31 July, 17 August, and 17 September 1659.^[8]

In addition to these items, the research conducted by Ms. Mendel enables us to form a picture of the family of the James Prescott who was christened in 1637/8, and of the family of his mother, Margaret Babington. It can now be argued that although the James Prescott who came to New Hampshire was not James Prescott Jr., the son of James Prescott of Driby, he was perhaps instead James Jr.'s first cousin, and almost his exact contemporary. That is, he could be James Prescott of Rearsby, who had good reasons to obscure his origins, perhaps even stating or implying that he was James Prescott of Driby.

The Search for James Prescott in England

William Prescott and Margaret Babington

The James Prescott who appeared in Hampton, Old Norfolk County, Massachusetts, in 1665 presumably came there from England. As of now, the best candidate to be this James Prescott appears to be a son of William and Margaret (Babington) Prescott, about whom the following information is known or can reasonably be assumed:

WILLIAM^A PRESCOTT, elder son and first of the four children of John Prescott, Esq., and his wife, Elizabeth (Manby) Prescott, daughter of Francis Manby of Elsam, was born say 1605 (given the date of his baptism). He was bap-

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tized at Driby, Lincolnshire, 15 Dec 1605, and he died at an unknown date and place sometime after 6 May 1646. He has been referred to in several publications as Sir William Prescott, Esq., Knt.^[24]

[Both parents of William Prescott's grandmother Alice (Molyneux), wife of Sir James Prescott,^[25] were descended from English royalty. Through her line, his ancestors included eleven Sureties of the Magna Charta in 1215, six Nobles, and King John. Sir James was the son of James Prescott and his wife Alice Standish, daughter of Roger Standish, Esq., whose Standish ancestry also includes Sureties of the Magna Charta and English royalty. Her maternal grandmother, Alice Harrington, daughter of Sir James Harrington and Isabella Radcliffe, was also of royal descent.^[26]]

William Prescott inherited the manor of Driby from his father in 1607. Being under the age of three, he and his two siblings were surely made wards of a guardian, perhaps his mother or, later, his step-father; or one of the four brothers of his father. He would have gained control of the estate when he reached maturity in about 1626. He married, in say 1628 (given the year of birth of their eldest child), **MARGARET^A BABINGTON**, born in 1607 at Rothley Temple, Leicestershire, third daughter and third child of Thomas Babington, Lord of the Manor of Rothley Temple, and his wife, Catherine (Kendall) Babington.^[27] This marriage took place early in the reign of Charles I (1625-1649).

[Like her husband, Margaret Babington's ancestors included many titled men and members of the nobility; and she was also a descendant of several Magna Charta Sureties and of King John.^[28] Her brother Matthew was M.P. for Leicester and her brother Thomas was an army officer, a barrister and a member of the Inner Temple; her sister Catherine's husband John Whatton was "of the body to Charles I."]

As prominent members of the Anglican aristocracy, William and Margaret Prescott would have been highly visible targets for the Protestant militants who controlled England during the Interregnum. It is therefore hardly a surprise that William Prescott and his wife Margaret Babington are last seen in the historical record in 1646, although it remains to be seen if they survived the Civil War. They may have moved away from Leicestershire – perhaps to the property, probably in Nottinghamshire, that William Prescott and Margaret's brother Matthew Babington purchased in May 1646. William Prescott's younger brother James had died seven years earlier, in 1639, leaving a wife, the former Mary Copeland, who lived until 1659. The several surviving children of William Prescott's brother James Prescott may have been cared for by relatives when they were small, but the children of both William and James would have been encouraged and motivated to become independent and self-sufficient as soon as possible. The two identically-named first cousins – James the son of William, and James the son of James – were about the same age (James Jr. being about five years younger than his cousin) and they had much in common. We now know that the James Prescott Jr. who was the son of James and Mary (Copeland) Prescott became a mariner and then returned to England. This James Prescott was a carpenter in London and left a substantial estate at the time of his death in March 1670/1 at about age 32.

We do not know anything for certain of the life and residences of the other James Prescott – the son of William and Margaret (Babington) Prescott – who was christened in February 1637/8. Opportunities were available to this young James Prescott through both his mother's and father's families. His mother's brother Thomas was an officer in the Parliamentary Army, and by 1659/60 – when James would have been 22 – he might have wished to serve in the company of his uncle, Captain (later Major) Thomas Babington. Although the muster records of that period are fragmentary, a search for the names of James Prescott and Thomas Babington in the *Calendars of State Papers* reveals that a warrant "to apprehend" James Prescott was published on 11 February 1659/60, less than four months after Matthew Babington – presumably his mother's brother Matthew – was ordered to be committed to Lambeth House on suspicion of high treason, and less than five months after a warrant was issued to apprehend Major Babington – undoubtedly his mother's brother Thomas.^[36]

Like his younger cousin James Jr. (son of James and Mary Prescott), James (son of William and Margaret Prescott) may have gone to sea – at least for one voyage – and where a James Prescott appeared in northern Massachusetts in 1665. By 1665, two other groups of Prescott and Babington families were already in America: John Prescott (1604-1681), whose origin is unknown, had come to Watertown, Massachusetts, in 1640, and founded the Massachusetts branch of the Prescott family; he had nine children, the last four of whom were born in America. And Margaret Babington Prescott's niece, Elizabeth Babington, had emigrated to Maryland with her first husband, Sir Andrew Cooke, in 1661,

THEN, IN 2012, THE 2008 ASSERTION IS PULLED BACK



(excerpted)

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James Prescott: A Continuing Mystery, and a Correction

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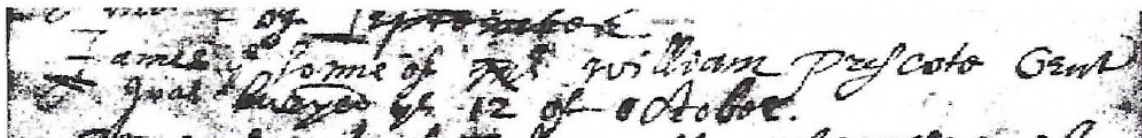
In the title of my paper in the *Mayflower Quarterly* in 2008,^[1] I posed the question, “Was James Prescott of Hampton, New Hampshire (in 1665), the son of Sir William and Margaret (Babington) Prescott (bp. 1637/8), for whom an arrest warrant was issued in 1659/60?” I argued in that paper that the answer to the question was yes.

In support of my answer, I reported that the record of baptism of a previously unknown son, James, of Sir William Prescott and Lady Margaret Babington, was found by my genealogical consultant in the Bishops’ Transcripts for Rearsby, Leicestershire: “Chr. 4 Feb 1637/8, James Prescott, s.o. William Prescott Esqer & Margaret his wife.” This genealogist also found in *Calendars of the State Papers Domestic* that a warrant was issued by Parliament on 11 February 1659/60 for the arrest of James Prescott, within 8 months after warrants were issued (on 13 July and 17 August 1659) for the arrest of two brothers of Margaret Babington. These and other similar arrest warrants were essentially rendered inactive within a month or two, as England moved toward the Restoration of the Royal family. Charles II was welcomed to London, and the Babington brothers survived and prospered. I proposed that James Prescott, too, could have survived and emigrated to New Hampshire, where he, too, was successful.

Many people have enjoyed reading about these new findings related to the mysterious James Prescott of Hampton, New Hampshire, and I received favorable comments regarding my paper. Others have remained skeptical, because I was unable to prove the proposed connections between the baptism, the arrest warrant, and the emigration to New Hampshire. They thought the thread could easily be broken. I regret to say that the skeptics were correct. I am sorry to have disappointed those who thought I had found the answer to the origin of James Prescott of Hampton.

On 9 August 2012, I received an email message from Richard Fallquist of Mercer Island, Washington, a descendant of James Prescott of Hampton. His message totally reversed my conclusion. Beginning in the year 2010, I had gladly

shared my findings with Mr. Fallquist, as he wanted to continue this research, and look for whatever else could be found about James Prescott. I, too, hoped for additional proof of my theory, but this was not to be forthcoming. Instead, Mr. Fallquist reported that a genealogist in England had sent him a message reporting that the James Prescott who was baptized in February 1637/8 lived for only five or six months. He found in Rothley Parish Register, Leicestershire, 12 October 1638, burial of James Prescott, son of William Prescott, gent.^[2]:



James y^e sonne of Mr. William Prescote Gent was buried y^e 12 of October

My genealogist reported that she had examined the burial records in Leicestershire, but failed to find this record. She said she was sorry that she had not located this burial herself. She added, "I see that I found the christening of daughter Elizabeth in Feb 1633/4 in Rothley, but noted that the register from 1633 was of poor quality and could only be read in parts. The BTs are defective and 1638 is missing. So, it appears that this burial was on part of the page which I could not read. I cannot remember if I tried ultraviolet light to read it." To her credit, she always remained skeptical of the scenario that I had developed, pointing out that there were one or two other men named James Prescott in London who could have been subjects of the arrest warrant. Neither could have come to America in 1665 and lived a full life in New Hampshire, but either one or the other would be candidates for the arrest warrant. One was the son of James and Margaret (Copeland) Prescott, mariner and carpenter of London who died on 21 March 1670/1, leaving a lengthy will. Until this will was discovered in the 20th century, this James Prescott had been thought to be the emigrant to New Hampshire. The other, of whom we know nothing else, was a James Prescott, Esq., Bachelor of the Inner Temple, aged 30, who married Anne Staper, aged 24, with a license dated 6 December 1671.

I am sorry that those who read this will be disappointed, but these are the facts. The search for truth in history may begin with ideas – hypotheses, theories – but facts are essential. The mystery of the origin of James Prescott of Hampton, New Hampshire, continues.

¹ MQ 74 (No. 3, September 2008), 245-68.

² Rothley Parish Register Baptisms and Burials, Ref. DE966/2 (1638-1653); search and copy provided by Garry Strachan, Cert. Genealogy IHGS, member AGRA, 5 Wentworth Close, Daventry, Northants. NN11 4 NY; e-mail: researchandreport@gmail.com

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....AND SO, THE MYSTERY CONTINUES.

"PRESCOTT'S FORT"

(From The History of The Town Of Hampton Falls, Brown, pp. 557, 529)

HOMESTEADS.

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James Prescott came from England in 1665, and settled where Newell W. Healey lives. This was the original Prescott homestead. When they settled here there were but few houses to the west of them in the town. They lived in a garrison house, which was called Prescott's fort. From their exposed position they were liable to depredations from the Indians. James Prescott married a daughter of Nathaniel Boulter of Hampton. He lived here for about thirty years. He was one of the grantees of the town of Kingston, where he removed in 1724. He died in 1728, aged eighty-five. His son, Dea. James, had a house on the south end of the farm upon the middle road. Ebenezer Prescott, grandson of James, 1st, succeeded to the homestead. He married Abigail Tilton, and died in 1750. His daughter Meribah married Samuel James, who was first rated here in 1765. He was a Revolutionary soldier from this town, and lived at or near the Prescott homestead. Aaron Wells came from Ipswich during or soon after the Revolutionary War and bought the farm. He was a brother of Capt.

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dissents. This location meant the town common. At the March meeting in 1721—

It is ordered and agreed upon that ye schoolhouse for the parish shall be built & sett on ye hill, near ye place where ye old fort was, commonly called Prescott's fort. All voted. Jacob Stanyan dissents.

This house was probably built near where the new meeting-house was located in 1768, and where George C. Healey's house now stands. We have proofs that a schoolhouse was there in the early days. The Prescotts lived at that time where Newell W. Healey now lives and on the Brown place opposite. Being some distance from the main settlement, they probably lived in a garrison house, which was then called a fort, to protect themselves from the Indians.

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1720/21 March 14 "PRESCUTTS FORTT"

Original of above cited meeting, Hampton Falls Town Records State Copy, p. 40

<p>At a League meeting held by ye Inhabitance of ye new Parrish in Hampton falls this 14th of March 1720,</p> <p>1^{ly} Joseph Pilton Chosen moderator 2^{ly} Moses Blake Chosen Constable 3^{ly} Joseph Pilton Benjⁿ Sanborn Tonaⁿ Affiliated Chosen selectmen for ye year Ensuing 4^{ly} Abner Sanborn & James Prescott Chosen tithingmen</p>	<p>Schoo house for this Parrish shall be built & set on y^e hill neare y^e place where y^e old fort was Commonly called by y^e name of Prescotts fort</p> <p style="text-align: right;">all Noted</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Jacob Stanyen desents Against y^e last vote</p> <p>At a League meeting held by ye</p>
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1721 July 12 "PRESCUTTS FORT"

"....hill where ye old fort stood called prescutts fort...." (HTR v.2 p.4)

July 12th 1721: The Select men of Hampton falls
came to us ^{the} subscribers being Lot Lains & Co Town-
to lay out an acre of Land for a school house they producing
a vote of ^{the} Town for such a thing to be layd out in some convenient
place; and y^e Select men for ^{the} parrish produced a parrish
note. y^e school house shall be sett & built built upon or
neare y^e hill where y^e old fort stood called prescutts fort
therefore we y^e subscribers have layd out y^e Land along on
the hill where y^e old fort stood called prescutts fort

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1714 January 17 "PRESCOTTS FORT"

(HTR v.2 p.135, excerpted)

"....fronting on prescotts fort....", suggests it still existed as of that date.

The 1721 quote said "where ye old fort stood", suggesting it was gone by then.

P^{re}quant to an order of y^e comandors of y^e Town of Hampton y^e 17th of January
1714/ Impowering y^e names are under written to survey & lay out into lots
the common Land on y^e south side of Taylor River in Hampton to make our
D^{ist}inct & y^e names are under written

N^o. 136: Samboyns & grapevine run butting on Exeter road: the 137 lot between Denia:
& Natic: Samboyns Land fronting on prescotts fort & northerly end on y^e way to cross
from Ben: Samboyns to cock hill road; the 136 & 138 lots butting out between

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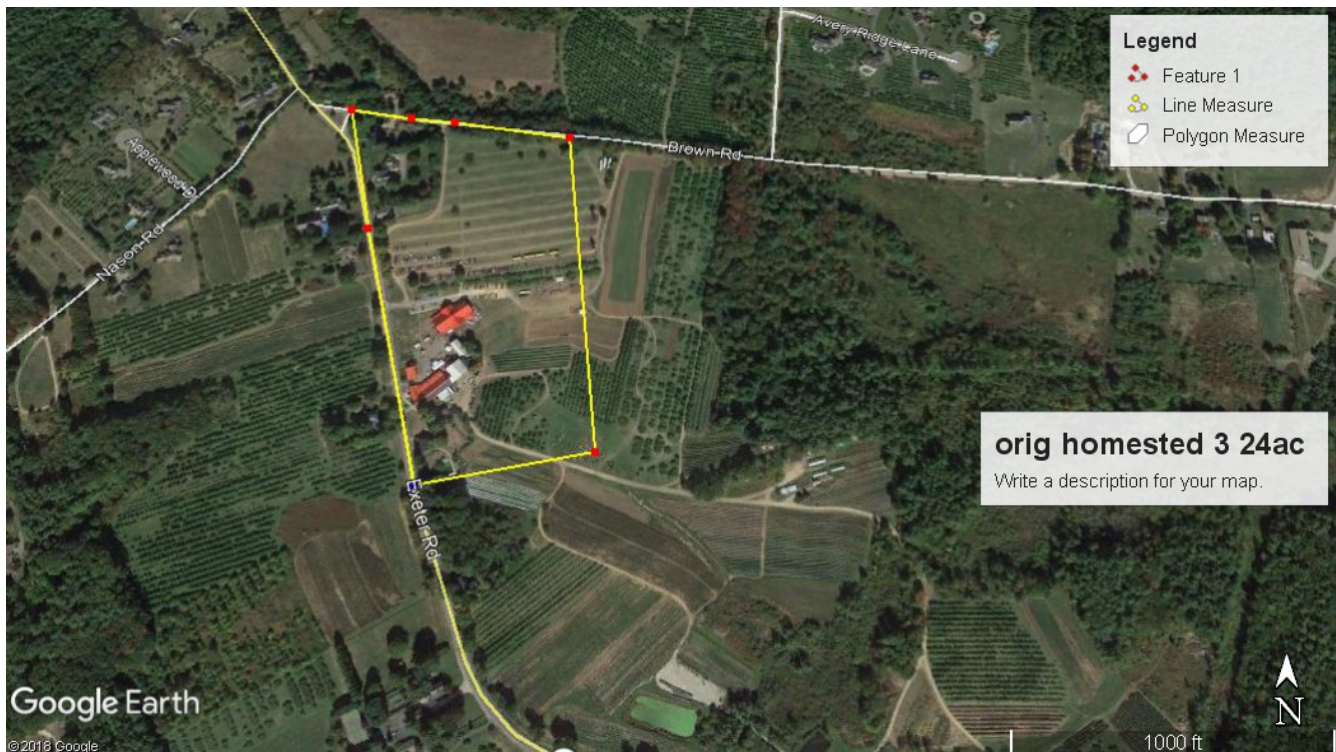
THE FIRST PRESCOTT HOMESTEAD

Now Known As Applecrest Farms, One Of The Oldest Active Farms In The United States, Located In Present Day Town Of Hampton Falls, New Hampshire



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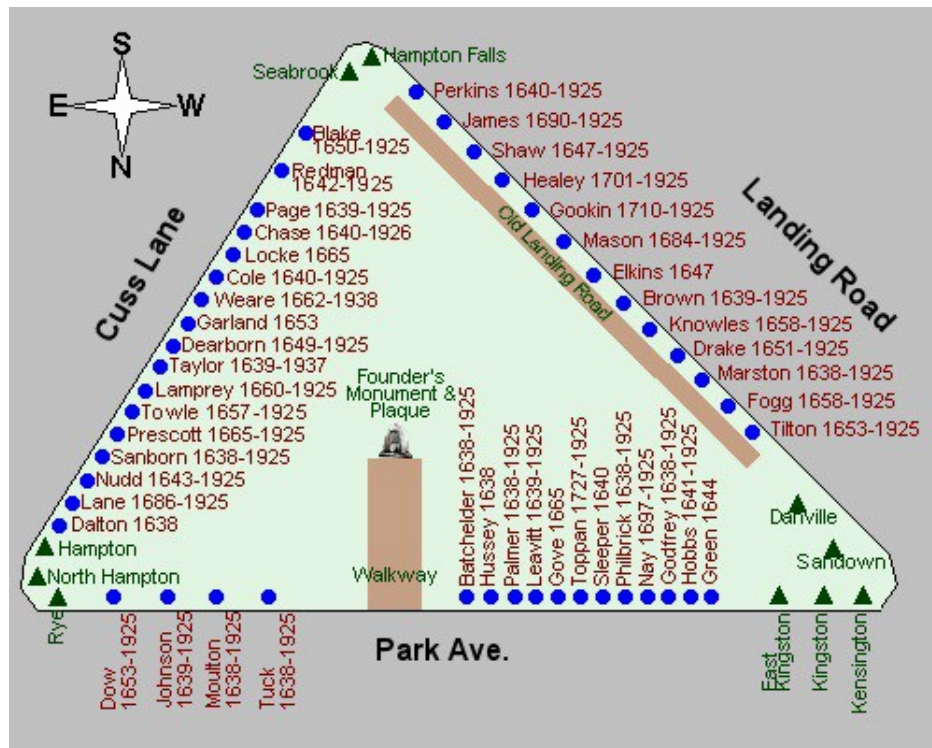
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THE TOWN OF HAMPTON FALLS TODAY

A Lovely Original New England Town. James Would Be Proud.



And In Adjacent Present Day Town Of Hampton, On The Old Town Common In Founders Park.....



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.....Among The Monuments To Their Venerable....



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....A Final Tribute To Our First And Most Extraordinary Ancestor:

JAMES PRESCOTT



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THE END.

**See The Documentary History of James Prescott's Son Jonathan
and Grandson Captain Jonathan, Among Founders of Kensington, N.H.**